



Shirley Jean Walling

April 29, 1934 - July 24, 2020

Shirley Jean Walling (86) departed her family and friends to be in the loving care of God, on Friday, July 24, 2020. She was born April 29, 1934 in Cleveland, Ohio to Marie “Mary” (Mastny) Smith and Calvin Hull Smith. She is predeceased by her daughter, Judith “Judy” Marie Richterkessing, and son-in-law Robert “Bob” Richterkessing. She is survived by her grandson Robert O. Richterkessing, wife Debbie and great granddaughter Azalea (Fuquay-Varina, NC); sister Marjorie (Smith) Becker (Louisville, KY); brother Warren N. Smith and wife, Elaine (Clearwater, FL); and her loving nieces and nephew (Donna Earley, Teresa Earley, Pamela (Earley) Stonebrook, Amy Smith and Ryan Smith); and many, many friends.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, she spent much of her life from high school and adulthood in Lexington, Kentucky, until she moved in 1990 to Tamarac, Florida to be closer to her daughter and family, and her mother. Since “retiring” in 2001, she lived in Lakeland, Florida at the Lakeland Harbor adult residential community, moving there together with two good friends from Tamarac, Joan and Kim.

Shirley worked her entire career in restaurant supplies and equipment sales; and, after retirement in Lakeland, as a patient receptionist, until the time of her passing, at Watson Clinic.

Donations in honor of Shirley’s memory may be made at www.autismspeaks.org.

Funeral services and a Celebration of life will be held at an appropriate future time.

Comments



“ Hello to all that loved this incredible woman. I have worked side by side with Shirley over the years and have grown to love her very much. We worked every other weekend together and it was always a happy time to see each other. She was my buddy and had her over for dinner what a pleasure it was. There were the days when I had time to cook breakfast or a nice lunch and catered to Shirley out of my love for her. She always welcomed a nice breakfast or lunch although she was on a diet. Over the years I watch her make Christmas gifts for her grandchildren even the next last time I saw her she was working on her Christmas crafts. Although I knew she had health issues she never once complained. She would rub her leg and say, it's bothering me, and that's it. Even though tears are falling I still haven't realized she is no longer with us. I will miss terribly my dear Shirley

Paul Chartier - August 01, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ Shirley was a very good friend of mine and Willie's. She was thoughtful and considerate of everyone. She was loved by all of us at Watson Clinic and her and I often talked about being ready to go to be with Jesus. God bless you all, we will see her in heaven.

Ginger - July 29, 2020 at 06:57 PM



“ Friend

Ginger - July 29, 2020 at 06:58 PM



“ Shirley tried to help anyone who needed it. She was a beautiful human being.

Rosalie Loveland - July 29, 2020 at 05:03 PM



“ Shirley and I worked together at Watson Clinic for 5 years. We worked so well together that we were called the A Team. Shirley will always be part of the A Team and I will miss my friend greatly.

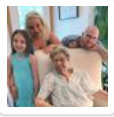
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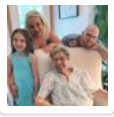
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