



Shirley Ann Marl

August 22, 1936 - September 17, 2020

Shirley Marl, 84 years old, passed away at home after a battle with breast cancer. Shirley was born in Saginaw, Michigan, and moved to Portland when she was four years old. She grew up in a large German family that included nine siblings. Shirley married Denny when she was 19 years old and, they eventually settled in Oak Grove, this is where they raised their four children. She was a homemaker, and hers was the house that all of the neighborhood kids wanted to hang out at. She truly had the gift of hospitality and made sure all who entered her home felt welcomed, comfortable, and well-fed. She also loved to dance, read, play bunco, go to church, and clean (her walls and cupboards were spotless)!

She will be greatly missed, but we take comfort in knowing that she is dancing in heaven with Denny and Jesus. There is a private service for family ONLY due to COVID-19 restrictions, but there is a viewing open for everyone at Hillside Chapel 1306 7th St., Oregon City, OR 97045 on Thursday, September 24th from 3-8 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude's in honor of Shirley.

https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_icid=faq-how-to-donate-btn

Shirley is survived by her four children: Larry (Tami), Brandie (Dale), Tracy

(Susan, and Steve (Carol). As well as eleven grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren, two sisters, one brother, and many nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

500 Hilda Street
Oregon City, Or

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Hillside Chapel
1306 7th Street
Oregon City, OR 97045

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Ann Marl

January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ My most direct memories of Shirley are from her participation in the Legacy Class at Living Hope Church. Her comments and even just her mere presence in class spoke volumes of Truth, Love and Wisdom. She was a towering example of Love of God, the Truth and of the Family. An incredible model for all of us. We miss her !!

JB

Joe Brouillette - September 26, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ I met Shirley at a Women's Church Retreat. She was in my study group. Shirley was so kind, sweet and had a wonderful sense of humor. She not only instantly made me feel like I was part of this Church family but instantly a friend to connect with. No matter how much time passed from each encounter she always would greet me with a hug and a smile. She made "loving your neighbor" uncomplicated and I'm truly thankful to have had her example of Christ's love in my life. It's with sadness that I say goodbye friend for now but with joy that I know that I will see you again Shirley. Save a seat for another round of Farkle in Heaven. :)



EJ - September 24, 2020 at 04:47 PM

NV

“ Tom and I met Shirley at a potluck at Pastor's house and she brought beans. Tom loved them and called her sweet beans from that day on.

She loved my perfume so one Sunday I gave her a bottle. Each week after that, she told me she smelled so good!!

She was a very special lady and will be greatly missed!!

Nikki Veff

Nikki Veff - September 24, 2020 at 04:20 PM

EJ

I love her baked beans. Best Ever!

Ernie Amundson Jr - September 24, 2020 at 11:25 PM

JB

“ Sending comforting thoughts to the Marl and Smelser families and all of Shirley's extended family and friends. Shirley's granddaughters spoke of her often and I know they loved her immensely. Hugs to all of you.

Janna Blake - September 24, 2020 at 02:13 AM

KB

“ *Our Auntie Gooch!
She always had the baby showers, the bridal showers. No matter what, she did it!
She was the hostess with the mostest!
She was my Bunco Partner many times.....(I was the only under 40 year old with her group)..we always had so much fun!
She always gave the best gifts and made you feel important!
We were weekend roommates for awhile and she was always willing to do whatever she could for anyone!
Unka Denny and Auntie Gooch were always fun to visit and I loved every minute I was able to spend with them!
I'm glad they are together again, and glad we will see them again!! I love you Auntie Gooch! Kiss the Kahuna for me!!*

Kelly Butler - September 24, 2020 at 12:52 AM

LF

“ *Lachlen, Karen Cranston & Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Shirley Ann Marl.*



Lachlen, Karen Cranston & Family - September 23, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Marl.*



September 23, 2020 at 03:28 PM

DC

“ So many memories of my favorite auntie - and starting from a very young girl through my 70 years. Staying with you in Moses Lake. Baby sitting for you often. Driving your car when we went to weekends in Rockaway. Enjoying nights out at the Spinning Wheel. The seafood dumps. Retreats with aunties and cousins - our crazy hats - laughter....always laughter. Family camping. Time in Florence at fish camp. Shopping - more than once! So many many memories. My heart aches - finding comfort in believing we will be together again one day💜

Diane Caputo - September 22, 2020 at 10:19 PM

MT

“ One of my favorite aunts! Such a beautiful lady. So kind and gentle that's what I remember and so much love to give! We will miss her so much!! I love you Aunt Shirley and so glad you get to be with Uncle Denny' now 🙏rest in peace until we meet again 🙏

Martha truckner - September 22, 2020 at 02:05 AM

DF

“ I will miss a dear friend that I have known for 64 years. Shirley was special and my husband and I have had many good meals at her home. She was an excellent cook and a loving mother. When we were newly married I would drive to her apartment with my two little boys and she would fix for lunch Lipton's chicken noodle soup out of a package for lunch. We did not have much money but we could afford Lipton's noodle soup.

We had many parties at our house in Alameda area that Shirley and Denny would not miss. One time we all pitched in financially to buy a keg of beer at one of our parties. That was real living for poor young marrieds. Such memories will live forever.

Good bye dear friend and know that I loved you, Say hello to my Jim in heaven for me

Your loving friend, Donna Fitchett

Donna Fitchett - September 20, 2020 at 05:17 PM

BS

“ Bev Spilseth lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Marl



Bev Spilseth - September 20, 2020 at 07:02 AM

BS

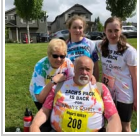
So many wonderful memories. Loved your mom💕

Bev Spilseth - September 20, 2020 at 07:04 AM

BS

Thank you Bev, wonderful memories of Fourth of July in our back yard,

brandie smelser - September 20, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ *Connie Kitzmill lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Marl*



Connie Kitzmill - September 20, 2020 at 02:31 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Marl.*



September 19, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Marl.*



September 19, 2020 at 12:57 PM

BG

“ *The meaning behind Monday night football ! At first it started out going over to see Harper and watch football. But the closer I got with grandma the more I could feel her love for her family and knew she loved me as part of her family. She would make us dinner and told us not to be bashful and go eat more even if you already had 10 tacos. For me Monday nights changed I looked forward to seeing grandma every Monday night everything else was a bonus. It didn't matter what she made for dinner or who was playing we were there to spend time with each other and that's pretty special. I will always cherish all the memories we have. And Grandma will always be a part of me. I loved you and will see you again.*

Brian George - September 19, 2020 at 01:34 AM

SC

“ *Aunt Shirley was not my biological Aunt but she always treated me as if she were. That meant so much to me as my Aunts all lived 3000 miles away. She had a way of making me feel comfortable and a part of her life. I will always hold a special place in my heart with the memories of her.*

Susan Cochran - September 19, 2020 at 01:07 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Marl.*



September 18, 2020 at 08:26 PM