



Shirley Jean Austin

January 10, 1947 - February 10, 2016

Shirley Jean Austin of Grand Ledge, Michigan; a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend went to be with the Lord on February 10, 2016. Shirley was born January 10, 1947 in New Orleans, LA. Shirley was known for her amazing decorating skills with years at Countryside in Dewitt. She enjoyed many adventures over the years as a tour guide with Travel Adventures, Lapeer, MI. Her love for Christmas will be remembered by many with her magnificent Christmas trees; her joy of playing cards and games with family! Shirley truly enjoyed the precious moments with family and friends, with a contagious laugh we won't forget. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents Phyllis and Gil Blevins. She is survived, by husband of 49 years, Robert Austin, son Chris Austin and daughter Kacy (Dan) Goeckel, grandchildren SGT. Robert Austin USMC, MacKenzie Austin, Darragh and Regan Goeckel; brother Rick (Karen) Blevins and sister Cindy Cheger and Janis Boling; and niece and nephews John Nyboer, Robert Boling and Becky Welch.

A celebration of Shirley's life will be held Saturday, February 20, 2016, 11:00am at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with Pastor Keith Treman, officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00am until the time of the service at 11:00am. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Red Cross – Michigan Region, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, 100 Mack Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48201

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TR

“ *Tiffany Richards-Payne lit a candle in memory of Shirley Jean Austin*



Tiffany Richards-Payne - February 20, 2016 at 09:17 PM

KG

Thank you so much

Kacy Goeckel - February 21, 2016 at 06:19 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Shirley Jean Austin.*



February 18, 2016 at 08:43 PM

RB

“ *Rick & Karen Blevins purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Shirley Jean Austin.*



Rick & Karen Blevins - February 18, 2016 at 11:31 AM

SK

“ Dear Robbie and Family,

I was so sorry to hear about Shirley's illness and death. Even though we didn't get together like families should, I always looked forward to seeing her when we did. I don't think I ever saw her without a smile on her face - she was such a joy to be around. I know she had many friends and whenever I saw her, I felt like I was one of those friends. She didn't just "Marry" into our family, she was "FAMILY". Please know that I am sharing your sadness right now and I do know that time will help to heal even though it will never take away the pain completely.

I am so glad that her pain and suffering are over and she is whole once again in her heavenly home. As the days progress into weeks, the weeks into months and the months into years, remember that you are loved and let the good memories that you shared help to sustain you.

I would like to share the following with you - something I find very comforting:

Death does not extinguish the light.

Rather, it puts out the lamp because the Dawn has come.

May God's Love surround you and may you feel that Love!

SHIRLEY KILMER - February 15, 2016 at 04:00 PM

KG

Thank you fir this beautiful post

Kacy Goeckel - February 28, 2016 at 04:34 AM

SD

“ Shirley and Galen, Betty, Norma Jean and Duane. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shirley Jean Austin.



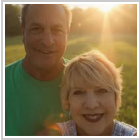
Shirley and Galen, Betty, Norma Jean and Duane. - February 15, 2016 at 10:51 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley Jean Austin.



February 13, 2016 at 02:22 PM



“ I am very sadden by this news. I have cut Shirley's hair for the past several years. Last time I seen her was right around Christmas. She was a joy to know. No matter how she was feeling she always had a positive attitude and loved life. She had such joy and love for her family and beamed with pride as she spoke of them. Rest in peace Shirley. You will be missed. My deepest sympathy to your family.

Patti Macksood - February 13, 2016 at 09:13 AM

KG

Thank you for your kind words if my mother!

Kacy Goeckel - February 17, 2016 at 04:51 PM

DS

“ Shirley's trade was in smiles, laughs, and hugs. She probably made friends more easily than any person I have ever known. People were attracted to her infectious, upbeat approach to life. She saw the humor in even the darkest incidents and told stories about the comic events she encountered ever day.

Our work together was in travel. She was so very good at building relationships, knowing the people around her, and understanding her destination. She helped everyone to have a great experience even when inevitable "bumps in the road" occurred. I have never seen anyone do the work that she did better than Shirley Austin did. The certain result was that she was constantly in demand as a tour leader. Her energy allowed her to set a pace that left others watching...and exhausted. She led 1000 days of tours before anybody else on the team achieved the 500-day mark!

Shirley Austin was a foot and a half shorter than me, but I spent the entire time I knew her looking up to her.

Dave Snyder - February 12, 2016 at 09:25 AM

KG

Thank you Dave that is beautiful !

Kacy Goeckel - February 12, 2016 at 04:33 PM

JA

I am so very sorry to hear about Shirley's passing. She was such a wonderful, happy person and a joy to be around. I have many fond memories of the whole Austin clan at Countryside. Miss you all and your beautiful store. Peace and prayers to you all during this difficult time.

Jody Albert-Vicary - February 14, 2016 at 06:04 PM

JK

49 years of friendship with Shirley, someone who enjoyed life, valued people and was a lot of fun. I remember the time we went to a trade show in Pennsylvania, took a small box truck to bring home any treasures we would buy...well the truck was LOADED!!!..items piled and tied on the top, rope wrapped around and tied so many times, we could not leave one thing behind 😊 We looked like the Beverly hillbillies on their way to Beverly hills 🤪🤪🤪 arrived at my house, the look on Larrys face left us in stitches, we were unable to speak for 5 minutes! So many memories, miss you Shirley ❤️

judy keast - February 17, 2016 at 09:30 AM

KG

Thank you so much, these stories will help comfort us and bring smiles to celebrate her life!

Kacy Goeckel - February 17, 2016 at 04:50 PM