



Shirley M. Pilgrim

March 18, 1935 - July 29, 2020

Shirley M. Pilgrim, 85 years, of Columbia, IL, passed away on July 29, 2020 at Mercy Hospital South, St. Louis, MO. She was born March 18, 1935, in East St. Louis, IL, daughter of the late William and Josephine 'Sis', nee Helbrueck, Vahle. She was married for 65 years to Homer G. Pilgrim, who survives her. They were married June 4, 1955, in East St. Louis, IL.

Shirley was a member of the First Baptist Church, Columbia, IL, where she was very involved with her church family, having been active with the quilter's group, card club, and 'Friends Forever'. She loved life, her motto being, "This too shall pass". After Homer retired, they traveled to Florida, where they had a winter home. Shirley was blessed with a full happy life, filled with many friends who will miss her dearly. Her grandchildren were the light of her life.

Also surviving are two daughters, Barbara (Charles) Harris of Thompson Station, TN, Julie (Bradford) Hornbostel of Columbia, IL; five grandchildren, Andrew (Charline) Harris, Tony (Jennifer) Harris, Derek Hornbostel, Corey Hornbostel, and Ryan Hornbostel; a great-grandchild, Kinsley Harris, along with other relatives and friends.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Denise Pilgrim, and sister, Delores Stanley.

Visitation will be Monday, August 3, 2020, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, at Lawlor Funeral Home, Columbia, IL, and Tuesday, August 4, 2020, 10:00 am - 11:00 am at First Baptist Church, Columbia, IL. Funeral Services will be held following visitation at 11:00 am at church, with Pastor Jonathan Peters officiating. Interment will follow in the Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights, IL.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to: First Baptist Church Building Fund, 1200 Valmeyer Road, Columbia, IL, 62236 .

Cemetery

Events

Lake View Memorial Gardens

5000 N. Illinois St.

Fairview Heights, IL, 62208

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Visitation

04:00PM - 08:00PM

Lawlor Funeral Home

218 South Metter Ave, Columbia, IL, US, 62236

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Visitation

10:00AM - 11:00AM

First Baptist Church, Columbia, IL

1200 Valmeyer Road, Columbia, IL, US, 62236

Comments



“ Barb and Family. I was so sorry to hear of Shirley’s passing. I will always remember your mom from the countless hours we played at your house. She always welcomed us with a smile. Wishing you many fond memories. Much love to your entire family.

Lisa Forness Marzano - August 02 at 12:06 PM



“ I met Shirley and Homer in Fort Worth, Texas. They would come to visit the Stanley's, Jim and Shirley's sister Dee. We always had a grand time. Then later they would visit at Lake Texoma. We had many memorable times. Shirley was a Christian lady who gave her time to her church and friends. Her legacy will be passed on to her family and grandchildren. Shirley is now at peace and visiting with Dee and Jim. Shirley may be gone but the memories will always linger. Peace and loving comfort to Homer and the family. Lean on our God and pass Shirley into a Heavenly Life.

Truman & Peggy Terrell - August 01 at 10:12 AM



“ O Loving God, welcome my beloved Aunt Shirley into the company of the Saints, where tears are no more, all suffering and pain are ended and there is great joy, abundant life and peaceful rest in Your loving presence. Thank you and Uncle Homer for the many years of love and prayers and for all the times we shared. Your smile and laughter will be desperately missed but never forgotten. You will be welcomed in Heaven by so many who have loved and cherished you.

Wade

Wade Stanley - July 31 at 10:26 PM



“ Janet L. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Shirley M. Pilgrim.



Janet L. - July 31 at 01:20 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. I will always remember Shirley’s kindness, patience, wit and smile. She was a very special lady. Hugs to you all! Love, Carol Freeland

Carol Freeland - July 31 at 12:47 PM



“ Sending our sympathy, hugs and prayers to your family...Shirley was such a beautiful person inside and out...what a terrific example she was to all! What a special world we would live in if we all had her kindness and wisdom! Love~ Angela ~Ed ~August ~Macie

Angela Creed - July 30 at 05:22 PM