



Shirley Evance

May 1, 1928 - June 1, 2023

NORWAY- Shirley May Stanaway Evance, age 95, passed away in the comfort of her home, surrounded by family, and went to her heavenly home on June 1, 2023.

She was born May 1, 1928 in Norway, Michigan to Frederick James and Annanell (Peters) Stanaway. Shirley married Wallace Evance on June 12, 1948.

She is survived by her daughters Elizabeth (William) Marchetti, Jean (Roger) Board and Mona (Patrick) Servia. She is also survived by 4 grandchildren, Dione Parker, Chuck Parker (Tiffany LaFond), Amanda Board (Ashley Bishop), and Alissa (Dave) Johnson; and 8 great grandchildren, Alexis (Hank) Goodchild, Evan Marchetti, Haley (Marcus Michaud) Clifford, Mackenzie Clifford, Madison Haley, Tyler Parker, Caitlin Parker and Louis Parker. She has one great, great grandchild, Genevieve Goodchild, with a brother on the way. She also leaves behind a special niece, Bonnie Castle Marth and a special nephew, Alan Morneau.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Wallace, on February 18, 2014; her granddaughter, Tara Faye Board, on May 9, 2018; her brothers Fred, Sheldon, William, Gerald (died in infancy) and her sisters Adrienne, Carol, Janet and Sarah.

She graduated from Norway High School, class of 1946. Shirley moved to Superior, WI to pursue employment as a bookkeeper, where she resided for two years until her marriage. Shirley had a strong work ethic at home and on the various jobs she had throughout her life. Her favorite work was at a tree nursery, but she also worked at the Norway Sewing Factory, Sears and Social Services as their accountant until she retired.

Family was the most important thing in life to Shirley, who was affectionately called Gigi. She had a special talent for engaging with children and making them feel special. Her relationships with family members and friends were her riches in life and she cherished time with them. Shirley was a quiet person with a loving, kind and generous personality. She was a great listener and had the gift of encouragement.

Shirley enjoyed gardening, especially her flowerbeds. She was a wonderful cook, baker, canner, and hostess. "Gigi" had her special Wednesday meal days with grandchildren and continued that tradition with her great grandchildren, up into her mid 80's. They looked forward to her burritos, steaks, and chili. Shirley taught family and friends how to make her signature cheese ravioli and pasties, and there are many fond memories of baking Christmas cookies with her.

Once Shirley was retired, she and her husband "Dede" would dance in the afternoons as part of their exercise routine. They did all types of dances, but the waltz was their favorite. The great grandchildren loved Gigi and Grandad to "perform" when visiting, so they would do some demonstrations and then take the children as partners and before you know it the whole gang was dancing - their favorite was Rockin' Robin.

In her later years Shirley was a prolific reader, and was kept supplied with the

latest releases by various family members and friends. She enjoyed watching Pastor Charles Stanley, Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, Lawrence Welk, High School Bowl, and Packer games. One of her favorite activities was feeding and watching the birds and other wildlife out of her big kitchen window, and participating in the bird counts. She enjoyed doing puzzles and playing her favorite board games, Sequence, Rummikub, Scrabble, and Bunko with many family members and friends through the years. Shirley loved music; she had a beautiful voice and loved to play piano for her private audiences.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 7, from 11-12:00 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home, with Pastor Richard Yates officiating.

Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.

The family hopes to visit with friends at the luncheon, which will be served at the Evangelical Covenant Church at 120 O'Dill Road, in Norway.

The family wishes to say a special thank you to dear friends Marvin & Marion Pollard, Joyce Hinds, Neil and Suzette Stenfors & family, Suzanne Cattelan, and Branden, Paige, and Joanna Forst, who supplied a great deal of support and love on a continual basis throughout Shirley's last years. They brought meals, goodies, smiles, and hugs. Gigi was blessed with friends of all ages who came and visited bearing gifts and love.

The family wants to also thank Dr. Paul Hayes for years of devotion and care and Tammy from Marshfield Hospice for her assistance during Shirley's final days.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ortman Funeral Home
618 Norway Street
P.O. Box 155
Norway, MI 49870
(906) 563-5700
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Service

JUN 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *This one gentlewoman was very special. I met her only a few times and once over a lovely meal - and what an angel. And now she is with her Creator and Savior. I always wished I had known her more. Oh the joy of knowing we will see her again! Hugs to you, Mona, and your family. You know how close God can be at times like this...slow down and take the time to drink it in. Much love.*

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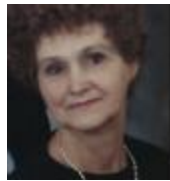
“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Evance.*



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