



Shirley L. Poorman

February 24, 1937 - May 2, 2024

Shirley Laverne Poorman, 87, of Jackson, Missouri went home to be with the Lord Thursday, May 2, 2024 at Mercy Hospital Southeast in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

She was born February 24, 1937 in Commerce, Missouri to Lorene A. Vetter. She was raised by Lawrence and Rosalie Vetter.

She and Arthur Lee Poorman were married August 2, 1959, in Commerce, Missouri. He preceded her in death on January 17, 2014.

Shirley Poorman was a woman of faith. She was blessed with a long and full life. She devoted her life to the Lord and spent many hours studying the word of God and piecing together the armor of God in her life. She not only devoted her life to the Lord but was the foundational rock in the spiritual lives of many of her loved ones. She provided the faith that fueled the family and moved many of them to salvation and sustained faith themselves. She truly was an example of a servant to and child of the King

Shirley was an experienced educator receiving a Masters Degree in Education. She spent much of her working life as a home economics teacher at Cape Central High School, while she spent her final years as an elementary school teacher at Charleston. She devoted her time in education to not only

grow students' education and develop their learning capacity but to go above and beyond to better their lives inside and outside of the classroom.

In her free time, Shirley was a true inspirational talent behind a sewing machine and embroidery machine. Not only did she volunteer her time teaching sewing classes, but she forged hundreds of handmade gifts, shirts, and outfits for loved ones and friends alike. She not only loved her time in the sewing room, but she used it to better others' lives as well.

Shirley was also well versed and well-traveled as she and her late husband Arthur, made numerous trips to Mexico, and also trips to Europe and China. They also traveled all over the United States in search of adventure, and especially to watch baseball games of their son Yancy, and later to see their grandson Kolten.

She brightened any room she walked in with her vocal presence, glowing smile, and booming laugh. She also spiced up the lives of many as she would debate over just about anything, politics being her specialty. Shirley Poorman founded her life on her walk with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Through all her travels, adventures, and lessons she has finally reached the destination she had been longing for.

Survivors include her son, Dr. Yancy (Cindy) Poorman of Bonne Terre, Missouri; a brother, Paul Edgman of Chicago, Illinois; and one grandson, Kolten Poorman.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Arthur Lee Poorman.

Visitation will be 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Monday, May 6, 2024 at Ford and Sons Funeral Home Mt. Auburn in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at 1:00 pm Monday, May 6, 2024 at the funeral home with the Rev. Doug Clinton officiating.

Burial will follow the service at St. Denis Cemetery in Benton, Missouri

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Habitat for Humanity.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

St. Denis Church Cemetery

135 N. Winchester
Benton, MO 63736

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ Shirley was an avid baseball fan. She attended every game when her grandson played for the Prospects. She was truly a beautiful person filled with joy. She was always so positive and had an incredibly kind heart. I was blessed I had the opportunity to meet her and spend time with her at the baseball games. She was a such a treasure and will be missed.



Jill Christman - May 13, 2025 at 10:39 AM

LF

“ My goodness, Mrs, Poorman taught me at Charleston, while in the the 4th grade. Everyone of her students loved her! Only teacher I had to stand in the hall from and wait on Mr. Graham. Taught me a very valuable lesson. Always, do your homework! She was and always has been one of my favorite teachers. Very kind, always attentive to her students! Loved her as so many others have! Inspirational woman as I too wanted to teach others! She will be missed!!!

Lorri Fann - May 12, 2024 at 06:13 AM

RP

“ Sorry to hear about Ms. Shirley I remember her being a neighbor when I was a child growing up. She was a sweet lady with a beautiful smile. I will be praying for her family in the days ahead. Yancy thinking of you and family in the days ahead! You had a great mom! Rhonda Michael Painton

Rhonda Michael Painton - May 04, 2024 at 10:06 PM

PB

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I carpooled to Charleston with Shirley for years. She was always very proud of you Yancy, as I'm she sure was of Kolten also. Her laugh and her stories entertained us on the ride to school. She will be missed.

Peggy Bentlage - May 04, 2024 at 02:00 PM

PB

“ I worked with Shirley when she taught in Charleston. Shirley was an incredible woman and teacher. She was a sharing and empathetic person to her students and her coworkers. Shirley spoke of her husband often but when she talked of Yancy it was with so much love we knew he was her pride and joy. Hearn Elementary was a better place because Shirley was a part of the staff. My condolences to Yancy.

Pam (Gier) Boyd - May 04, 2024 at 12:00 PM

CC

“ Prayers and Condolences to Yancy and family. Fay Cannon

Charlotte Fay Cannon - May 04, 2024 at 07:35 AM

KA

“ Yancy & family, I am so sorry for you loss. I remember her from baseball games when I was a teenager. You will all be in my prayers and thoughts. She left a legacy and the good news is you will see her again!
Kevin Alfultis, St. Louis

Kevin Alfultis - May 04, 2024 at 02:45 AM

JJ

“ Who would have ever thought we would have been so close after meeting at a sewing event. Thank you for all your love and kindness; the unlimited prayers and wisdom. I miss your laughter already.

You taught me so much from patience to politics but most of all helping me find words to express to speak to God. Faithful and true, trustworthy and loving, you will always live in my heart.

Yancy and family please accept my condolences. Shirley spoke of her love for all of you and the wonderful memories she shared.

There will never be another and she will be so very missed here. God Bless all.

J. Kay Jinks

J Kay Jinks - May 04, 2024 at 12:24 AM

JJ

“ Jowana J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley L. Poorman.

Jowana J. - May 04, 2024 at 12:05 AM

TF

“ The Makarewicz Family purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Shirley L. Poorman.



The Makarewicz Family - May 03, 2024 at 07:27 PM

PH

“ Yancy and family, Bill and Justin and I send our heartfelt condolences for the loss of your dear mother. We have fond memories of the Scott City days in Country Club Estates, just across the backyard from your house, where we watched your dad and you pitch and catch. Your mother was such a lovely neighbor to us. That's a beautiful photo of her. Such warm memories. --Pat Heckert (Summerville, South Carolina)

Pat Heckert - May 03, 2024 at 05:47 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Shirley L. Poorman.



May 03, 2024 at 04:10 PM

TS

“ Tammy and Samantha planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley L. Poorman.

Tammy and Samantha - May 03, 2024 at 04:10 PM