



Shirley Ann Cole

March 7, 1936 - April 6, 2020

Shirley Ann Cole, a caring loving and kind wife and mother passed away at her home in Charlotte surrounded by her family on April 6, 2020. Shirley was born in Royal Oak Michigan March 7, 1936 to Antoine and Sophie (Garant) Prevost, and was raised in a large family with seven brothers and sisters. She graduated from St. Leo's Catholic High School. On May 11, 1957 she married Lawrence Cole in Detroit and shortly after they moved to Holt where Larry built their home and they raised their family. Their house was filled with love and surrounded by flowers she tended to with care.

Shirley lived her life as a devoted Catholic, strong in her faith even when her health prevented her from attending church in person. While the family lived in Holt she attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, and after moving to Charlotte attended St. Mary's Catholic Church. Shirley worked outside the home as a bookkeeper and office manager at several different places in the Lansing area, including the Lansing Credit Bureau, Roselawn Nursing Home, and Long's of Lansing. She retired in 1992, the same year her husband Larry retired.

Family was always important to Shirley, and some of her favorite times were big Sunday dinners. She always had the honors of saying the grace before dinner, at any and every family function. And speaking of dinner it was not unusual for Shirley to enjoy her favorite "sweets" or an occasional beer or glass of wine with friends and family. Shirley loved to travel as well as take walks around the neighborhood to enjoy God's creations and socialize with friends. Quieter hobbies of hers were reading, card games such as pinochle and solitaire, scrabble and many other games shared with friends and family. Crossword puzzles were even a shared project with her husband Larry.

Her family remembers Shirley's many funny sayings such as "Sprawled out like Monday's wash," or "That's enough to make a minister swear." And who can forget her habit of "dating" everything as she kept her home organized and in order. Her kids were often surprised their father didn't have a date neatly written across his forehead.

After their retirement Shirley and Larry spent winters in Ft. Myers Florida and summers at their cottage at Rainbow Lake in Trufant, MI. True to her ability to be helpful she served as the Treasurer for the Rainbow Lake Association for many years. For the last twenty years they have resided in Charlotte where their family built their new house on the outskirts of town.

Most of all her family remember her as a loving wife, mom, mother-in-law, and Mime'. They will miss Shirley's comforting hugs which always helped no matter what the situation may be. Shirley is survived by husband of nearly 63 years, Larry; sons, Michael Cole of East Lansing and Keith Cole of Dimondale; daughter, Karen (Rick) Berry of Eaton Rapids; 2 grandchildren, Ben and Brian Berry; and 2 great-grandchildren, Cole and Camryn Berry.

Friends are encouraged to support Shirley's family during this time of the shelter-at-home restrictions by sharing memories on Shirley's Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com.

A private Family Mass will be celebrated at a 1 PM Wednesday May 6th at St. Mary Catholic Church, Charlotte. The mass will be webcast through Shirley's Tribute Page on Pray Funeral Home's website at www.PrayFuneral.com.

If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlotte. Memorial contributions may be mailed to Pray Funeral Home at 401 W. Seminary Str. Charlotte, MI 48813 and they will be forwarded to the family. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Events

MAY **Private Family Mass** 01:00PM

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St. Mary Catholic Church

807 St. Mary Boulevard, Charlotte, MI, US, 48813

MAY **Funeral Mass** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 04, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, for this beautiful ceremony to celebrate the life of, and say to farewell to our precious Aunt Shirley.

With love thanks, and many prayers,

Love Pat and Staisha.

Staisha Jennings - May 06, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ Thank you everyone for sharing your thoughts and memories with us. They really meant a lot. Some made us chuckle, some made us cry. Mom was blessed to have so many people who loved her in her life. We really appreciate all your comforting words and wishes. Love to all of you!
Karen

Karen Berry - May 08, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ Oh Shirls, your cards are all spread out like Monday's Wash! Thanks for all of the fun card games, the incredible joy. and the tremendous laughter you shared with so many people! Love you to the moon and back! God is sure lucky to have you "HOME". Love Always and Forever, Jill (Johns) Sikaundi

Jill (Johns) Sikaundi - May 06, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Cole.



May 04, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ Growing up with Shirley as your grandmother aka Mime or whatever nickname uncle Mike and Keith were using that day Bumblebee, Chumley, Weidmeier, you were never bored. Countless memories playing every game under the sun. I can't even imagine the patience it took teaching 7 year old me Pinochle and I still play today. From the paddle boat to the 3 wheeled bikes with baskets she had the best toys for messing around with your older brother. Ben and I always looked forward to trips up to rainbow lake, even when your Grand Prix loses a muffler. Getting excited passing those half buried white tractor tires knowing we are almost there. A lot of my childhood memories involve Mime and can't say I have a bad one. As I sit here writing this I keep remembering more and more. All her silly comments and saying. "Its all spread out like Monday's wash" then picture time was "tummy in tits out". She was great, funny, loving and one day I hope to be half as organized. Mime you will be deeply missed. Love Brian

Brian Berry - April 26, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ I consider myself a very blessed person to have had Shirley and her family in my life for quite awhile. In fact, almost as long as I can remember. She for sure treated me like family, watching out for me in so many ways. I always felt welcome in her home, loved and protected since I was a kid. Great memories of trips with her, my mom, Karen and I, holiday cookie baking, cards - many, many cards, overnight backyard tent sleepovers at their house where she checked on us a lot and always knowing she would let us have fun but there was a limit. I will always remember her smile, her laugh, and the way she said "Karen", "Betty" or "Steph", don't know. why I just will. Mostly I will miss taking her to church on Christmas Eve, which I haven't been able to do the past couple of years sadly, and spending the evening afterward with her and the family. My mom and I spent Christmas Eve with them for many, many years. Since they both have passed now, I will look forward to the Christmas Eve's yet to come when we are together again in the Kingdom of God (if the Lord deems me fit that is). God bless Shirley and her family as they grieve, and know that she was so deeply loved by so many.

Betty (Jones) Maxwell - April 23, 2020 at 07:52 AM



“ Shipley was a special lady. She always had a smile on her face and loved playing cards. Always loved to read her novels and then do a small book report to let you know how she liked the book. She will really be missed. Lots of love to your family
The O'Berrys
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Michael and Lynn O'Berry - April 15, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ I am so blessed that I was able to know Shirley. I never called her Shirley because from day 1 she was more like my second Mom. Her smile lit up a room. We went on walks together, played Solitaire and Scrabble together and helped her "put dates on everything. Every time I would visit her she asked "Is Mike being good to you?" If not tell me and I sit on him and you can poke him in the belly! She will always be a part of my heart. "I love you Mom"

Diane Conner - April 13, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ She was my Mime' and was an awesome Mime! Most of the card games that I enjoy, I learned from her. One of my favorites was the game called golf that we used to play on the glass table out by the entry door at Rainbow Lake. Oddly enough, I still remember the worn gray cards and can still picture the wicker wood pattern beneath the glass table. I learned and mastered many games at this table. I don't have a single negative memory of Mime', she was always so comforting and loving, with an enlightening smartass remark here and there. She was very humble, but at the same time, very quick witted. Mime' always made her surroundings more fun. She was frightened easily on thrill rides and I'll never forget my ride with her on the "Loch Ness Monster" of Busch Gardens circa 1996.. I've never heard someone scream so loud! I have countless memories with her and she will forever hold a special place in my heart. Heaven beware! You now have a quick witted and organized card shark running the show! You will be forever in our hearts Mime'. Love You

Ben Berry - April 12, 2020 at 10:30 PM



“ My condolences to the Cole Family. In addition to having 3 beautiful children of her own, Shirley also "adopted" several of the other neighborhood kids. I was one of them and have a lot of good memories of her at her house in Holt, and later at their up north lake home. She put up with a lot from us kids and I always envied her for her patience! One summer at the lake house, "State Law" went into effect and she said enough is enough. Within a day or two things were back to normal again and she forgave us all. She was an awesome person with a huge heart and will be greatly missed.

Howard Soldan II

Howard Soldan II - April 12, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ Rest in Heaven, Aunt Shirley
Loved & adored
Anemarie xo

Anemarie Prevost-Dear - April 11, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ My condolences to Shirley's family. Shirley worked for me as a bookkeeper at Roselawn Manor Nursing Home. We worked in the same office with two desks facing each other and had lots of great conversations and laughter. She was a tremendous employee! My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Betty Smith - April 11, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ My Aunt Shirley who fed you before she fed you when you would visit her home. As the family stated another phrase of hers, especially in letters she would write to all of us "Be good to each other". Fierce pinochle player, Gardener and walker! Trying to state in a few words what Aunt Shirley meant to me is impossible. I am blessed to be a part of her And her family.
Pat Gibas Selonke

pat selonke - April 11, 2020 at 08:36 AM



“ With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Cole.



April 10, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ 18 files added to the album Family & Friends



Karen - April 10, 2020 at 07:05 PM



“ 9 files added to the album Early Days



Karen - April 10, 2020 at 06:53 PM



“ Thank you for all that you've done for me in the past, and thank you for allowing me into to be part of your family. I've been very blessed to have such wonderful people like the Cole family in my life. You're one of a kind, and you will definitely be missed.

Michael Wiggins
"Wiggs"



Michael Wiggins - April 10, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ Thanks for teaching me to play “poker” pinochle. You are missed.

Kim - April 10, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ Omgoodness I am so sorry this has happened ... one thing I could always count on was her smile and happy personality, she always made me giggle...she was always cleaning up, she was so helpful...and loved her family I'm sure she's the same way in heaven

Kim - April 10, 2020 at 08:12 PM