



Celora Anna Shilling

August 5, 1935 - January 12, 2012

Celora Anna "Tootie" Shilling, 76, passed away peacefully at her home January 12, 2012 with her loving family by her side. Tootie was born August 5th, 1935 to parents Otto and Ethel (Huffman) Pifer in Eaton County. She and her husband, Mike, were married in 1953 and together raised three sons and three daughters. Many will remember Tootie as a favorite bus driver for the Charlotte School System. She retired in 1997 after over 17 years of service. She was a wonderful woman, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and a beloved member of the community. She enjoyed traveling and tractor shows with her husband. Tootie was always crocheting and made many blankets and doilies for her family and friends. Tootie is survived and will be forever remembered by her husband of 58 years, Myron (Mike), and her beloved pet Shelty, Sandy, her children, Mike (Linda) Shilling of Charlotte, Bonnie Ripley (Galen) Swift of Lewiston, Tom (Pamela) Shilling of Bellevue, Jim (Lisa) Shilling of Charlotte, Teresa (Dick) Rogers of Charlotte, and Anita Harper of Lansing; 14 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren with one on the way; and brother, Larry Pifer of Charlotte. Mrs. Shilling is predeceased by her sister, Anita Rodebaugh and brothers, Leslie and LaVerne Pifer. A special thank you to Sparrow Hospice of Lansing for their exceptional care and compassion and Kay Roberts, Pastor Perry Purcell and the congregation at the South Cochran Church of God for all their thoughts and many prayers. And a very special thanks to her nurse and daughter-in-law Pam Shilling and her special nurses and granddaughters Jennifer Gonser and Lacey Ash.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 14, 2012 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Perry Purcell officiating. The family will receive visitors on Friday, January 13 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. Interment will be at Gresham Cemetery in Charlotte. A luncheon will be held at South Cochran Church of God 2470 S. Cochran next door to the family farm. If desired , memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Hospice or the South Cochran Church of God. Friends and family may share their condolences and words of comfort online in Tootie's Book of Memories at www.prayfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Celora Anna Shilling



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I am so sorry for your loss Shilling family. I will always love you Tootie. You were a great lady and will never be forgotten. Love, Savannah

Savannah (Pena) Moore - January 20, 2012 at 04:31 PM

AR

“ One memory i hold close to my heart comes around every August 5. Growing up i loved to call Grandma and pick on her for being 40 yrs older than myself as i was born on her 40th birthday. that has always been one of the special moments even when i wasn't around i thought of her on that day and always will. I miss you so much. i wish i could turn back time to when i would stay at your house, you and Grandpa sitting at the table drinking tea and watching Hee-Haw(i hated that show) but i wouldn't give up those memories for anything in the world I love you so much, Aaron Ripley oldest Grandson

Aaron Ripley - January 16, 2012 at 08:48 PM

LN

“ Thank you Aunt Tootie for all the great memories and of the great times we shared with you and Uncle Mike and your family, youll be missed by all who loved you. You are and always will be a very special lady in my live. Love you God Bless You.

linda saylor nelson - January 14, 2012 at 10:10 AM

BN

“ With heartfelt saddness I leave this message to the entire Shilling family. I take great pride in knowing Mom(Celora)Shilling she is a wonderful woman. I am so sorry that her life here on earth was cut too short.I believe God has a special place for her in heaven. My condolences to the entire family. I feel blessed to have spent time with Mom and Family these last few days, she will forever be in my heart. I Love you all and I wish you all peace and Comfort through this very difficult time. Love Brenda Newman

Brenda Newman - January 14, 2012 at 12:01 AM

JD

“ My condolences go to the family; Mike and sons, who have traveled so many miles with us AC tractor fanatics. You are in my prayers.

Joe DeLisle - January 13, 2012 at 11:28 PM

LC

“ Bonnie & family, So sorry to hear that you have lost your mother. Everyday will bring back memories but the most important is the ones that will remain in your hearts forever.

Laura Cooper - January 13, 2012 at 09:38 PM

BM

“ Mike and Family: So sorry to hear of Tootie's passing. We feel so fortunate to have known such a lovely person! Please know that we are unable to make it to the funeral (due to weather in Ontario today) but have you in our thoughts and prays. Sincerely Brad, Trina and Lucas McBride Kippen, Ontario

Brad, Trina, Lucas and Hilari McBride - January 13, 2012 at 09:06 PM

JK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you and your family. Keep her memory with you always.

Julia Kaylor - January 13, 2012 at 02:30 PM

TS

“ Im sending you all a great big huge from the Moss' (Bill,Tina and Jeff)We are so sorry to hear about your loss. I know were many miles away but we still love you all.Keep the memories close to your heart and never forget.With all our Love always The Moss'

Tina (Moss) Springer - January 13, 2012 at 02:09 PM

BW

“ So sorry for your loss. Hold tight to the memories

Becki Woodhams - January 13, 2012 at 12:07 PM

BE

“ Mike and entire Shilling family, Sorry for your loss, prayers to you all at this time.

Brian and Jeri Elliston - January 13, 2012 at 10:38 AM

SM

“ About 25 years ago Tootie was making Teddy bears out of old wool coats. I had a large cape style coat that I gave to her to make bears out of. And bless her heart, she made me the first one out of that coat and I treasure it to this day. She was always a very sweet and giving lady. We had in common the fact that we both drove school bus so it was always fun to share stories with her. I didn't have the opportunity to spend lots of time with her but when I would see her, she always treated me like family....a lady with a large, loving heart that blessed this world with 6 beautiful and loving children. One of which I am blessed to call my sister "Teresa".

Sally Magoon - January 13, 2012 at 10:03 AM

DG

“ My sympathy to Tootie's family. Our families were neighbors. My girls loved their bus driver. I am sad to hear this.

Donis Grove - January 13, 2012 at 08:33 AM

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“ Mrs. Shilling was the best bus driver a child could have. I don't know if you remember me, but my friend Vicky Harris and I came over to the house and spent the night sometime in the 70's or 80's, not sure exactly when, but we had a ball and loved spending time with her and the family. We loved Mrs. Shilling and she will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May she rest in peace.

Laurielee Richmond (Grove) - January 12, 2012 at 11:28 PM

BF

“ We were sorry to hear of the passing of your wife and mother our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this sad time and we hope it brings some comfort to know that there are alot of people that thought the world of Tootie and will miss her very much. Brian & Linda and Family

Brian & Linda McDonald and Family - January 12, 2012 at 10:30 PM

ML

“ When your mom is gone and away from you. It feels like your heart is broken in two. You know her love will always be there, with every smile or every tear. Her love is still there and you'll meet again. We don't know how and we don't know when. Until that day she will live in your heart. Try not to fret, try not to frown... she is up in heaven watching and smiling while looking down. Denise Lesar Bonnie and Family, We are very sorry for your loss...

Mark and Denise Lesar - January 12, 2012 at 09:21 PM

AH

“ To the entire Shilling family, first of all I want to say what a beautiful picture of your loved one, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, Tootie. I am so sorry for your loss and my thoughts and prayers are with you all. You all have a guardian angel now and I am certain she is looking down on you all smiling. When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. Remember the good times. I hope time heals your hearts. Love you guys. Sincerely, Annette

Annette Herrick - January 12, 2012 at 08:22 PM

MS

“ Our sincere sympathies to the Shilling family. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Celora was a very special lady and will be missed, may good memories help you through this time.

Maurice & Darlene Schmitz - January 12, 2012 at 08:20 PM

BM

“ Mike, Tom, Jim and Family So sorry to hear of Tootie's passing. Darlea Matthews emailed us last week to tell us that she wasn't well. Just to let you know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We will remember all the times spent with her and our last couple of visits to your house. Actually last week we were talking with Hilari and reminded her about how Mike likes to ask about the bare bum girl and her white bunny!!! take care Brad and Trina Lucas McBride

Brad, Trina, Lucas and Hilari McBride - January 12, 2012 at 07:20 PM