



Shirley Jean Laird

December 31, 1936 - June 1, 2017

Shirley Jean Laird, age 80, of Bolivar, Missouri departed this earth on June 1st, 2017 at her residence from a sudden illness, in Bolivar, after beating cancer four times.

Shirley was born in Bolivar, Missouri on December 31st, 1936, the daughter of Lonnie Scurlock and Wanda Lucille "Lucy" Covert-Scurlock. She was a Bolivar High School graduate, class of 1954. Later marrying the love of her life Loren Laird on January 27, 1956. To this union two children were born, Cathy & Karen.

Shirley spent many years working at Southwest Baptist University, working at the admissions department. After retiring, Shirley enjoyed spending time with her husband and family, traveling and gaming.

She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and loved by all the lives she touched.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents and one brother in law, Buster Garretson.

She left behind a wonderful loving husband, Loren Laird of the home; two children; Cathy Akers and husband Ed of Springfield, MO; Karen Foster and husband Elvin of Bolivar, MO; one sister; Kay Garretson of Bolivar, MO. Two

grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Visitation will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017 from 10:00 am- 11:30 am at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Research at www.cancerresearch.org.

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Jean Laird

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Shirley Jean Laird

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ What a beautiful lady. I was one of her carers. She was such a darling lady. I will miss caring for her.thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

Anne Creighton - January 09, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ Kay, so sorry to hear about the loss of your sister. Charles Paden told me about it. Our condolences to you and your family.

Jim and Mary Beth Vest

Mary Beth Vest - June 08, 2017 at 04:55 PM



“ Shirley Jean was a dear friend. She will be missed and loved by so many friends and family. God welcomed an angel to Heaven. Deepest sympathies....Kay McSweeney

Kay McSweeney - June 05, 2017 at 05:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley Jean Laird.



June 04, 2017 at 11:15 PM



“ So sorry to hear of this great friends passing....we've had a lot of laughs and loved playing dominos with her and Loren at Aunt Rosie's house....
But so grateful she's now pain free.. just know that she is watching over you. Love to all of you and may God Bless and watch over you.

DeeDee & Ron - June 04, 2017 at 09:23 AM



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June 03, 2017 at 01:19 PM



“ Just a little note to let you all know you're in my thoughts and prayers. I have such fond childhood memories visiting with Uncle Loren and Aunt Shirley on their swing. I feel so blessed to have been your neighbor growing up. I will be making a donation to GYNCA in her honor. Love, Sarah Laird-Jones

Sarah Laird-Jones - June 03, 2017 at 12:11 PM



“ Hi Cathy and Karen and Uncle Lard. Never called you Uncle Loren and really never knew why.
My memory of Shirley, is that even the last time I saw her at my age of 62, she was always needing to "spank my fanny"
I am so sorry she had to suffer that long. It must have been incredibly hard.
Will be sending flowers to your dad's house to brighten it up a little later in a week or so, after all settles down. love Sandy Jesseph Faires

Sandy Faires - June 03, 2017 at 07:20 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Shirley. We worked together many years ago at SBU. I will be forever grateful for everything she taught me about the workplace and life. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Jerald Andrews

Jerald Andrews - June 02, 2017 at 05:06 PM