



Marilyn Shirley

August 16, 1925 - May 30, 2014

Myrtle Beach

Marlyn Lee Shirley

Mrs. Marlyn Lee Shirley, wife of the late Jack Shirley, entered eternal life on May 30, 2014. She was born in Galivants Ferry on August 16, 1925, a daughter of the late Noah Rufus and Docia Lee. Mrs. Shirley was the last surviving member of the Rufus Lee family.

After graduating Aynor High School and Perry Business School of Perry, Georgia, Mrs. Shirley was a secretary for Dargan Lumber for one year and then worked for Myrtle Beach Lumber Company for 39 years. She and her husband owned and operated Peggy's Motel in Myrtle Beach for many years.

Mrs. Shirley was active in civic and religious organizations all her life. She was co-founder of the Pannel School for Retarded Children, which was established in the sixties as the first facility in Horry County for serving the mentally disabled. She was a charter member of the Myrtle Beach Business and Professional Women's Club and was honored in 1967 as the club's Career Woman of the year. She was a member of Senior Friends where she volunteered weekly until age 83. She was also a member of the Woodman of the World, and the Myrtle Beach Chapter of AARP. She was a devoted church member first at First Baptist of Myrtle Beach and then she and her late husband were founding members of Timberlake Baptist Church.. She was an

avid member of Andrew Carnegie Speaking Clubs and Arthur Murray Dancing Classes.

She visited a different place in the U.S. each year. She traveled to New Orleans, New York, and to Disneyland when it first opened. After she married at age 57, she and Mr. Shirley became avid travelers. They visited many places in Europe where Mr. Shirley was active in the Army Engineers troop 172 during WWII. They also visited Hawaii and places in the U.S. where they had never been and took a cruise to Panama and Alaska. In addition, locating all of the men of Mr. Shirley's military troop and organizing yearly reunions became their mission. After Mr. Shirley passed in 1997, she made two trips to Greece with family and friends and her last trip was to Panama with her beloved brother, Hinson Lee.

Marlyn was predeceased by four brothers and one sister Scarborough Rabon, Coolidge Lee, James Kelly Lee, Hinson Lee, and Veanna Wietrick. She is survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. She was an inspiration to her family as she set goals continually throughout her life and worked hard to achieve them. She assisted her family with her wisdom, gifts, and encouragement throughout her life. Marlyn is remembered as a compassionate and caring individual who touched many during her lifetime. She was fiercely independent, always spoke her mind and had a keen wit and sense of humor. Aunt Lynn, as she was known by many, will always be greatly loved and remembered.

Funeral services will be at Timberlake Baptist Church of Myrtle Beach with visitation at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday June 4, 2014. The Memorial Service will be at 1:00 p.m. with a reception immediately after the service in the Timberlake Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Burial will follow at 3:30 P.M. at Hillcrest Cemetery in Conway, Hwy 544, Veterans section.

An online guest register is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com
In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully request that memorials be made to
the Alzheimers Foundation, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, or to
Timberlake Baptist Church 9850 Hwy 707, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29588.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is serving the family.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Timberlake Baptist Church
9850 Hwy 707
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588-7349

Visitation

JUN 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Shirley



Goldfinch Funeral Home - June 01, 2014 at 01:27 PM

AB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as God's word the bible. Why do people we love die? Romans 5:12 says: "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”

A. Bell - June 25, 2014 at 04:37 PM

DM

Thank you for this wonderful message. It reminds us again why we have death and grief, but His promise gives us great hope for eternity.
Darnelle

Darnelle Maher - June 29, 2014 at 01:00 AM

DM

“ *n memory of my precious aunt. I'm back home in Ca. tonight and miss her so much. I will always treasure her memory. The hole that her passing leaves is so huge. But I did not want her to linger in the state that she was in, so tonight I like to think of her gardening in heaven while Mother and Daddy are singing in the choirs. She was a most special aunt and woman. Her niece,
Darnelle*

Darnelle Maher - June 15, 2014 at 12:21 AM

JA

“ *As we were passing Azeala Lakes I said to my husband that I wondered if Marlyn was still there & I was going to contact someone from Timberlake to see then come home and read this. Marlyn and Hinson went on that last trip with us and some of our friends. She was thrilled to have taken him. I will never forget what she said to everyone at the last dinner "I'm so glad you all got to see me." My husband says that to this day. She was a special woman.
Bob & Janis Walker*

Janis - June 01, 2014 at 07:08 PM

MB

“ *I extend my heartfelt sympathy to the Shirley family. May those precious memories of your dear loved one Marilyn be foremost in your hearts and minds along with this wonderful promise that Jesus made at John 5:28,29. Again, my sincere condolences.*

M B - May 31, 2014 at 02:14 PM