



Shirley Anne Marie DeSantis

June 4, 1945 - August 24, 2025

Shirley Ann Marie DeSantis (Rovnak), 80, passed away peacefully on August 24, 2025, in Surfside Beach, South Carolina. Born on June 4, 1945, in Youngstown, Ohio, she lived a full and meaningful life marked by devotion and dedication to her family.

Shirley was the beloved wife of the late John J. DeSantis. Their bond endures beyond this life, as Shirley now joins John in God's kingdom—together again.

A loving mother, Shirley is remembered with deep affection by her children: Deborah DeSantis (Joe), Gina Whritenour (David), and John DeSantis (Laura). She was a proud grandmother to Joseph, Lizlynn, Kendall, Nadine, and Allan, and cherished her

role as great-grandmother to little Shirley. Her nurturing spirit and unwavering support left a lasting impression on each generation of her family.

Shirley is survived by four sisters and one brother. She is preceded in death by her parents, the late John Rovnak and Elizabeth Vodilko Rovnak, 5 brothers, and 4 sisters.

Professionally, Shirley worked as a real estate agent and took pride in guiding people through important milestones in their lives.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Amedisys Hospice at www.amedisys.com/donate.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 AM, Friday, August 29, 2025 at St. Michael Catholic Church. The burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery.

May her memory bring comfort to all who mourn her passing.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is serving the family.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 347-4909
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

A Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Church
542 Cypress Avenue
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Tribute Wall

PK

“ I had not seen Shirley in years when she walked into our wedding reception with “ Baby John” and a darling little girl. I had to take Bill aside. The guy you told me about is my cousin Shirley! Shirley was always sweet and beautiful. The Rovnak family was very large and so was Shirley’s family. When we all left high school we went so many ways. Somehow Shirley always came into my life. She lived across the street from my mom’s sister on Melrose. The last few years we posted almost every day. She was always so positive and posted about her St Michael parish. I know she is in heaven with John. Hope they see my Bill. Rest in Gods arms.

peg Kinnick - August 30, 2025 at 07:08 PM

JD

“ Joe and Jill DeRamo purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Shirley Anne Marie DeSantis.



Joe and Jill DeRamo - August 27, 2025 at 10:22 PM

MM

“ Maria Scudieri & Brian McCauley purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Shirley Anne Marie DeSantis.



Maria Scudieri & Brian McCauley - August 27, 2025 at 09:48 PM

MF

“ *Miracle Method Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Shirley Anne Marie DeSantis.*



Miracle Method Family - August 27, 2025 at 08:50 PM

KA

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. May 'the God of all comfort' be with your family at this difficult time. Psalm 94:19*

Kathryn - August 27, 2025 at 03:42 PM

LP

“ *Our sympathies to the DeSantis Family. Shirley and John were our neighbors around the corner in Surfside. She would stop and talk and she was always so sweet and kind.....a beautiful lady. Respectfully, Roger and Linda Phillips*

Linda Phillips - August 27, 2025 at 11:13 AM

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“ *My condolences to the Debbie, Gina, John and their families. One of my favorite memories growing up in Youngstown is of Shirley graciously hosting the extended family many nights for coffee, deserts, and many laughs. She and John loved to be surrounded by family. She loved her husband and children fiercely. I will never forget that wonderful laugh of hers. Rest in peace. Anna Fabiilli Mazzolini*

Anna Mazzolini - August 26, 2025 at 05:57 PM