



## Shirley Slez

October 22, 1936 - December 3, 2015

Shirley T. Slez (Porter)

Shirley Theresa Slez age 79, died Thursday, December 3, 2015 at Conway Medical Center.

Born in Schenectady, NY, she was a daughter of the late Ernest and Mary Porter. Mrs. Slez graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in Schenectady, NY and she lived in Bridgeport a number of years before moving to Myrtle Beach. She was a member of the Grand Strand Harmony Chorus.

Survivors include her husband, Ben Slez of Myrtle Beach; brothers, Ronald E. Porter (Carol) of Gansevoort, NY, Everett S. Porter (Irene) of Estero, FL, Leonard A. Porter of Myrtle Beach and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM Thursday, December 10, 2015 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel with Father Ed Fitzgerald officiating. An online guestbook is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries) Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ Shirley was my dear friend from the first time I came to what was then, Grand Strand Harmony as a transfer from Illinois. She welcomed me with joy and enthusiasm and we had a continual rivalry as to who had been a Sweet Ad the longest. She was an integral part of the revival of our chorus and a presence that was a joy and an example for all of us. She was, and will be, missed and we share her family's loss as we considered her 'one of our family'. Go with God, dear Shirley. Love and harmony forever  
Diane Kane

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**Diane Kane** - December 10, 2015 at 08:10 AM

DF

“ Shared alot of laughs and good times with Shirley with our family. May good bless her and Ben at this sorrowful time. Heaven received a beautiful singer!  
Dave and Debbie Fitch and Family

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**Dave and Debbie Fitch** - December 08, 2015 at 09:39 AM

KS

“ I met Shirley when she joined the YankeeMaid Chorus in Connecticut. I just loved her! There was no edit button and she had a heart that was so huge. She was also a born leader. She took charge and it worked! I have some really fun memories of her running our booth at the Oyster Festival in Norwalk. I saw her in Baltimore and the thought that she is not tooling around causing mischief anymore...is just too sad. Shirley...you left a mark wherever you were...and I'm so glad I got to see you make it in my world...Love you, Shirl...My heart goes out to Ben and her family.  
Love, Karen Sweeters

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**Karen Sweeters** - December 06, 2015 at 05:50 PM

AB

“ Shirley....always loved the YankeeMaids....always funny, bawdy and irreverent. ..she would love being remembered this way. Rest in peace Shirley!

Anne Benowitz  
HOTS

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**Anne Benowitz** - December 06, 2015 at 05:49 PM

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“ To Shirley's family - I sang with her many years ago in the Yankeenaid Chorus in CT. She was quite the "ticket" - always good for a laugh, and would give you the shirt off her back. I have not seen her in many years, but will never forget her. RIP, Shirl.

Amy (Cravetz) Mrazik, Harmony on the Sound Chorus ( formerly Yankeenaid Chorus)

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**Amy Mrazik** - December 06, 2015 at 04:59 PM

AB

*Shirley...always a Yankeemaid and loved the chorus. She was hilarious and bawdy...so irreverent and funny. I think she would love being remembered this way. She had a big personality and big heart. Rest in peace Shirley.*

*Anne Benowitz  
HOTS*

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**Anne Benowitz** - December 06, 2015 at 05:45 PM

CJ

*Shirley was a part of my early childhood spent on Pleasant St. in Schenectady NY. My mother, her Aunt Betty, adored her and Shirley was a wonderful cousin, full of laughter and joy. I am glad to have seen her in a singing performance in Connecticut and to see her pure joy of singing. To me, Shirley embodies my earliest memories of the entire Coppola family, of their humor, joking, and just being fun to be around. In speaking for those who have passed, my mother Betty St. John, her sisters - Aunt Mary Porter and Aunt Gen St. John, and cousin Linda St. John - they are all together now with Shirley and are laughing once again.*

*Best Regards to All  
Claudia St. John  
cousin*

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**Claudia St. John** - June 22, 2016 at 10:28 AM