



Shelley Margaret Crews

April 13, 1953 - October 1, 2025

Shelley Margaret Crews, 72, of Kissimmee, Florida, and formerly of Bourbonnais, passed away peacefully on October 1, 2025, surrounded by family at Advocate Illinois Masonic in Chicago.

Born April 13, 1953, in Manteno to Ralph and Jeanne (Montpetit) Oliver, Shelley graduated from Peotone High School in 1971 and attended KCC, where she met her future husband, Gary Edward Crews. They married December 10, 1976, and shared 45 years together until Gary's passing in 2022.

Shelley embraced Gary's love of golf, winning county and state amateur tournaments. She also enjoyed bowling, movies, crafting homemade cards and calligraphy. Her creativity and eye for beauty were evident in her 17 years as Lead Florist at Kroger in Bourbonnais. After retiring to Florida in 2004, she and Gary spent joyful years golfing, fishing, birdwatching, and hosting family and friends.

A woman of strong faith, Shelley attended The Church Is the Way. Shelley was active in the American Legion Women's Auxiliary, Solivita Crafty Red Hatters, and Paralyzed Veterans of America and often volunteered her floral talents to honor local veterans. In earlier years, she taught baton twirling and choreographed parades. Known for her warmth, many customers became lifelong friends and she poured her heart into everything she did.

Shelley is survived by her daughter, Danielle (Todd) LaRoche; sons Andrew (Kristin Ferry) Crews and David (Brooke Abney) Crews; eleven grandchildren,

Nicholas, Anthony, Dylan, Bryce, Jude, Reid, Duke, Dane, Maclayne, Vaughn and Cam; siblings Laurie (Eric) Morse, Michael (Cindy) Oliver, Jeff (Jean Marie) Oliver; sister-in-law Wanda (Jack) Oliver; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Visitation will be Monday, October 6, 4–7 p.m., with funeral services Tuesday, October 7, 11 a.m., at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. She will be interred and reunited with Gary at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
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Funeral Service

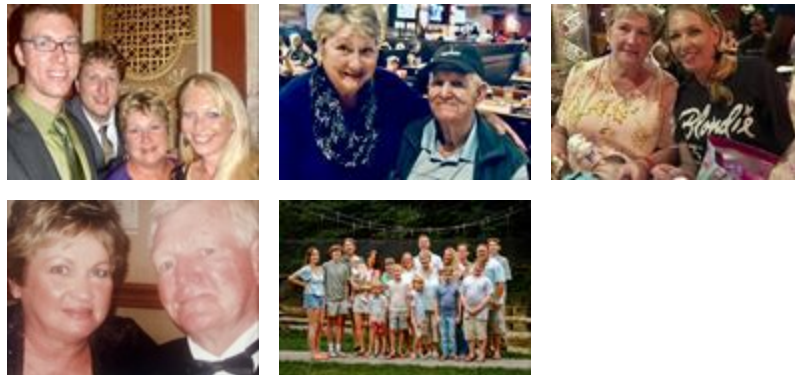
OCT 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DL

“ 11 files added to the album Shelley Crews



Danielle LaRoche - February 15 at 06:16 PM

MC

“ I've known Shelley for many years and she was always the kindest and sweetest person. She cared so much about other people and wanted the best for them. She fought her battle with ALS so bravely! I'm pretty sure that she was able to use the express lane on her trip to heaven. Rest in peace, Shelley. ❤️
-M.J Cleeland

M.J. Cleeland - October 07, 2025 at 01:06 PM

DL

Thank you so much for the kind words about our beloved mom. She surely was one of a kind-there's not too many people in the world who loved life and people as much as mommy did. Xo

Danielle LaRoche - February 15 at 04:00 PM

DL

**my mommy -lol

Danielle LaRoche - February 15 at 04:01 PM

A3

“ Please accept the deepest sympathy of American Legion Auxiliary, Peotone Unit 392, on your loss.



Amer Legion Auxiliary Peotone Unit 392 - October 05, 2025 at 10:58 AM

DL

❤️ 🇺🇸 Thank you! She always made sure that her and I renewed our American Legion Auxiliary status annually. She was very patriotic and loved her country, flag, military, and ALL Veterans held a very dear place in her heart. ❤️

Danielle LaRoche - February 15 at 04:05 PM

EK

“ Shelley was a beautiful woman inside and out. So glad she spent a week together in St Johns with me and my family after our husbands had passed. She loved that for the first time in her life she went sailing, snorkeling, day & nite kayaking. She will be dearly missed by all. My sincere condolences to all of her family. Ellie Kaufman

Elaine (Ellie) Kaufman - October 04, 2025 at 06:49 PM

DL

Aww, thank you for the kind words about our beloved mom! I remember when she was going on that trip-she was sooo nervous at first but she was SOOO happy when she came back and told us all about her fun and adventures! I'm so glad she stepped out of her "comfort zone" and did something FUN just for HERSELF-as she always gave so much of herself to others. Thanks for Sharing -P. S. please know that she valued your friendship immensely and always had such nice things to say about you and the times you shared together.

Danielle LaRoche - February 15 at 04:09 PM

GK

“ Sorry and my condolences to your whole family. I remember her from school and living down the street!

Gary Krapf - October 03, 2025 at 08:52 PM

DL

Thank you for the kind words. Not a day goes by that we don't all think about her -our mom was definitely an original; one of a kind, awesome lady. ❤️

Danielle LaRoche - February 15 at 04:11 PM

JO

“ A tree has been planted in honor of Shelley as a tribute for her love of nature and its beauty. With love from the families of Jeff and Jean Marie Oliver, Mike and Cindy Oliver, and Wanda Oliver.

Jeff Oliver - October 03, 2025 at 07:12 PM

DL

Thank you to ALL of you who thought of this idea-we love it! She sure did love nature, outdoors, being on the course, and she loved ALL of YOU more than I know she probably ever let you know! 😊 She is missed everyday and I know she is so happy being reunited with my dad, her brothers, and of course, Gramma Jeanne and Grampa Ralph again. Thank you for a gift that will ensure her memory and love of life endures for years to come. Xo

Danielle LaRoche - February 15 at 04:18 PM

SM

“ Some of my best and favorite memories from childhood are the ones with the Crews’ clan. Even when we were just entertaining ourselves being kids, Shelley always laughed at our jokes and encouraged us to be our silliest selves and to explore our artistic talents. If all she had was \$5, without a second thought she would take us to the movies, mini golf or the mall. She provided so many cherished memories full of fun and laughter that have become absolutely invaluable to me years later.

My condolences, love and hugs to the Crews’ family.

Shannon Merten - October 03, 2025 at 06:00 PM

DL

Awww thank you, Shan Shan! You are such a HUGE part of our childhood memories-sooo many fun, crazy, could’ve been reality TV before there was reality tv jaw dropping moments! lol we had so much fun and my mom was always there to enable it, encourage it, egg it on, or act completely embarrassed by the SHAN-anigans that seemed to ALWAYS find us ! Never a dull momentp. S. Please know you always held a special place in gramma Js and my mom and dads hearts! They never stopped asking how you were doing. The Crews/Oliver clan truly consider you family. For life. Xo

Danielle LaRoche - February 15 at 04:22 PM

BB

“ So very sorry for your loss.
But what a Great picture !! She was, indeed blessed

Beth Bisailon - October 03, 2025 at 05:40 PM

DL

Thank you so much! She was definitely blessed beyond measure and we were ALL so blessed to have her as ours! She was truly one of a kind-who just loved people and the skillful art of conversation with random people came quite easily to her -lol-as she never met a “stranger” -She loved meeting new people and had a natural and endearing “gift for gab.” (If ya know, ya know -LOL)

Danielle LaRoche - February 15 at 04:39 PM

JO

“ Jeffrey O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shelley Margaret Crews.

Jeffrey O. - October 03, 2025 at 05:31 PM