



Shirley Mae (Swartz) Larkins Pavig

March 21, 1931 - December 10, 2022

Shirley Mae (Swartz) Larkins Pavig passed away Saturday, December 10, 2022 of natural causes at 91 years old. Shirley was born in Essex, Illinois, and at the time of her death resided in Kankakee. She was preceded in death by her husband of 27 years, Jerald Lyle Larkins, and husband of 13 years, Joseph Pavig.

Shirley is survived by her five children, Kathy (Vernon) Bade of Bourbonnais, JoEllen (Bill) Hansen of Brighton, MI, Victoria (Scott) Swaney of Clearwater, FL, Scott Larkins of Herscher, and Paul Larkins of Chattanooga, TN; two stepdaughters, Judy Buck of Bradley and Carol Riffle of TX; eleven grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Shirley was an avid gardener, and her yard was proof of that. Her beautiful flowers brought her so much joy and she clearly had the best yard in the neighborhood. Neighbors often stopped to walk through her yard and offer her praise. She was an active member of the Daylily Society and devoted numerous years employed by and supporting the park ranger at the Kankakee State Park.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life will be scheduled when the flowers are blooming in the Spring. She will be buried next to her husband, Jerald Larkins, in Herscher.

Donations may be made to Uplifted Care 482 Main St. Bourbonnais, IL 60914. Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Sending prayers and hugs to all. I always enjoyed talking with Shirley and will always remember her laugh and smile. Love and hugs, Marla (Swartz) Wind

Marla Wind - December 19, 2022 at 04:01 PM

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“ Sending condolences to the family. I met Shirley while working at the state park. She always had a smile and positive attitude and brightened everyone's day. Great sense of humor. We had a lot of laughs! Some really good memories.

Cheryl Miller - December 18, 2022 at 11:15 AM

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“ I met Shirley when I first moved to Clifton. I was amazed at her beautiful yard. I never had seen something so wonderful, full of blooms of all colors. Done with a loving heart and hand. I stopped at her door and introduced myself. I stated although she did not know me, I had to let her know how much I appreciated her yard. From then, we became friends. I will truly miss my friend Shirley. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Pat Persin - December 16, 2022 at 02:20 PM

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“ Your Kankakee Trinity United Methodist Church family mourns your loss. Your wit and humor will be missed. We grieve with your family and know that you are blessing Heaven's Gates.

Trinity UMC - December 15, 2022 at 04:03 PM

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Mitchell Paul Larkins - December 15, 2022 at 12:32 PM

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“ *Shirley became one of my closest friends this past year as I was one of her caretakers. She will be greatly missed. I will take what she taught me in the garden and pass along her extensive knowledge. Will miss our talks, walks, drives in the country, and of course picking her fresh bouquets of flowers from her beautiful gardens. 🥹 Rest in heaven Shirley xoxo*

Tina Deatherage - December 15, 2022 at 11:14 AM