



Shirley Reed Marland

September 11, 1930 - March 14, 2023

Our loving Mom (Grandma, Great Grandma) was born in Auburn, NY, on September 11, 1930, and went to be with her Lord, March 14, 2023. Mom was 92 (she loved to tell everyone how old she was)! She died at home after receiving tender care from her daughter Donna for the past 5 years. The best way to describe her is, "She Loved". She loved the Lord. She loved her husband, whom she married on May 30, 1952. She loved her children (grands and greats). She loved her church. She loved to pray. She loved to cook for others. She loved to make pies for her church family, neighbors, hospice office staff and families. She loved to sew. She loved to serve others. She loved to read the Bible. She loved her parents. She loved her brother. She loved her friends. She loved to read. She loved to jog (just kidding). She loved to laugh. She loved, and she was loved.

Mom and Dad served the Lord together through the years. Beginning at Ontario Bible

Conference in Oswego, NY. Mom served by sewing new curtains for the dining hall and updating a different cabin each year. Mom enjoyed cooking for church suppers, and in later years, she planned and prepared dinners for missionary candidates for service to foreign countries at (HCJB) Reach Beyond. Mom also enjoyed volunteering with hospice. She helped care for hospice patients and their families after dad's passing. She worked until she was 86.

She will be missed, but all who know the Lord, as she did, will one day be reunited with her in heaven. "What a Day that Will Be"! She will be laid to rest with her husband, Nelson, in Kankakee, IL. She leaves behind (temporarily), her sons, Roger (Sandy), Ken (Carol), and daughter Donna Lanier (Ray). Grandchildren, Chris (Tami, Tate, Reid), Andrew (Alayna, Bo, Colt, Bryn), Jodi Barber (Jared, Collin, Lauren, Taylor), BJ (Tim), Amy Hughes (Adam, Ryne, Noah, Madison). She was preceded in death by her loving husband (Nelson), her loving parents (Miles and Eva), and loving brother (Charles, Sr.).

Calling hours will be held on Friday, March 17, 2023 from 10 AM - 12 PM at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, 295 Main St., Bourbonnais, IL 60914. The funeral service will follow immediately in the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home Chapel. Pastor Joseph Hutcheson of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in

Lakemont, GA, will be officiating.

To honor her memory, donations can be made to Reach Beyond (website: reachbeyond.org), or Ontario Bible Camp (website: ontariobiblecamp.org). "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

To share a photo, story or condolences, please visit www.clancygernon.com.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
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Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Funeral Service

MAR 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GS

“ I am Geri Strong in MN. I was very encouraged by Shirley when I went through a very difficult time in my life. She would send cards and call me. She also was my son in law Chris Marland's son in law. I know Donna could took good care of her in the last few yrs of her life. We also lost our Mom and as she also was the last one in MN on June 9,2022.She was in a care facility after she felt and got hurt badly. Same age. Also, my younger brother Dennis on Dec 14 in a care facility. My hearts and prayers are with all the Marlands and especially Donna at this time. Shirley was a wonderful Christian Woman. She is in Heaven rejoicing now with all the others who went before her. So glad I got to know this great lady. In Christ, Geri Strong (geri8203@hotmail.com)

Geri Strong - March 21, 2023 at 02:41 PM

SS

“ I remember her from when I was a young girl. Mom, Kathy and I would ride with her along with Betty Farrant, Gert Abrams, and Barb Partin to OBC and clean cabins to get ready for camp in the summer. She would also help at all the dinner we had at Second Baptist Church. Always jolly and friendly.

Suzanne Hopkins Searing - March 18, 2023 at 03:32 PM

LH

“ From reading the stories already written about Aunt Shirley, I can see that she was at many Thanksgiving gatherings over the years with both the Reed and Marland families (the Jenkins family was part of the Marland clan). She baked many delicious pies to fill everyone at these festivities! She also baked a special cake for nephew, Peter ('once removed'?), whose birthday was the day after his sister's wedding.

Aunt Shirley gave her own form of hospice care to many family members and 'clients' over the years, too. Jack remembers driving her and her little dog from Wilmington to Reston, Virginia to care for Elwyn, Nelson's sister, just a few weeks after her husband's death. It was a comfort to Lois and me to know that our mother was being cared for by a family member when we couldn't be there. Shirley and Jack had another memorable drive back to Wilmington after Elwyn's burial in Cortland, New York. He said they were in the car as soon as the sun was coming over the horizon and that she was a very good travel companion.

For many years I received a birthday card from Aunt Shirley. I always looked forward to her card. Over the past few years I have enjoyed being her 'any occasion card' pal. I already feel a little empty without her being out there to write to.

Thank you, Aunt Shirley, for all the good, loving memories.

Lorraine
and Jack, too

Lorraine Hannon - March 17, 2023 at 04:02 PM

JH

“ Our love and prayers to Donna, Ray and family. I only knew her for a little while but what a sweet woman and a sweet mother she was. I only hope and pray that in my last years I will have the loving and devoted care that I witnessed "mom" got from her daughter, Donna. She left this world knowing and feeling that she was loved and cherished.

Donna, you will miss her but take comfort in knowing you gave her all the tender care and love that she deserved. You are the sweetest, kindest & most loving person I have ever known. You always give so much more than you get. Concentrate on you and Ray now. Be happy and cherish the memories you have of her. You are and always will be so special to me.

God bless and comfort you and your family.

Joyce and Bill Horton

Joyce Horton - March 15, 2023 at 08:08 PM

CJ

“ My fondest memories of Aunt Shirley revolve around the annual Reed & Marland families getting together in Weedsport, N.Y. to celebrate Thanksgiving. Hosting our 2 families with a home-cooked meal was welcoming, nourishing, and filled with Aunt Shirley's love for all of us. We looked forward to it every November and enjoyed good dishes, so much laughter, recounting old stories, cousins playing together...warm memories all of us hold in our hearts. And the day was ALWAYS topped off with a scoop of rock hard ice cream and a piece (perhaps two!!) of Aunt Shirley's world-famous signature home-baked pie. The love we all have for Aunt Shirley is surpassed only by the love each of us received from her. May God Bless you Aunt Shirley. You touched countless people's lives. You are loved by many, will be missed...and after a long well-lived life of caring for others, are now at peace in Heaven.

Charlie Reed

Charles Reed Jr - March 15, 2023 at 02:42 PM

AK

“ I have great memories of visits with "Aunt Shirley" as my mom called her, and we were able to call her, too. My mom Lois Jenkins Jancaitis had great love and respect for Aunt Shirley. Her life was a bright light of impact and love for the Lord. We send our love to the family from Amy Jancaitis Kelly - with Jim, Patrick, Natalie, Daniel, and Samuel

Amy P. Kelly - March 15, 2023 at 12:47 PM

LC

“ I have the fondest childhood memories of spending Thanksgivings with Uncle Nelson, Aunt Shirley, Roger, Ken and Donna. Aunt Shirley was someone who I leaned on after the death of my beloved mother and she came to the rescue to provide care for my dad (her brother) in our time of need. She truly was a servant to others and as anyone who knew her, she was a fabulous pie baker! My deepest sympathy to her children, my cousins, whom she adored.
Linda Curbow

Linda Curbow - March 15, 2023 at 12:41 PM

JL

“ Shirley was always encouraging to me and to everyone at Island City Baptist Church in Wilmington, often baking pies to express her appreciation. She has been missed since leaving 5 years ago, but we are delighted she found a loving church home for her last years. Our condolences to her family.
Jeff Logsdon, Pastor, Island City Baptist Church

Jeff Logsdon - March 15, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ *Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Shirley Reed Marland.*



March 14, 2023 at 08:07 PM