



Shirley Mary Wulff

October 20, 1926 - August 31, 2024

Shirley M. Wulff, 97, of Manteno passed away with her family at her side, in her home on Saturday, August 31, 2024. Shirley was born on October 20, 1926, in Ashkum; the daughter of Francis and Rosella (Weber) Gray. Shirley married Donald H. Wulff in Ashkum on October 29, 1949; they shared 66 years together until his passing in 2015. Shirley was a registered nurse at Illinois Central RailRoad Hospital in Chicago for many years; she and Donald moved to Manteno in 1951. Shirley along with her husband owned and operated Don's Family Restaurant as well as the Spokes of Fashion Dress Shop in Manteno, IL for many many years. Throughout Shirley's life, she was a very active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno, Our Lady of Academy Catholic School, and the nurse's association affiliated with St. Mary's Hospital in addition to being an avid seamstress, gardener and an interior decorator. Shirley's life was truly blessed by her large family and multiple friends. She and her husband Don traveled the world with various groups which included the Restaurant Association, and family and friends. Shirley is survived by her children: Merrie "Jane" (Michael) Middleton of Manteno, Donna (Mike) Downey of Manteno, Andrea (Bill Hand) Wulff of San Francisco, CA, Nancy (John) Kaufman of Manteno, and Donald (Julie) Wulff of Manteno, 11 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren, her sister Rita (Leo) Weller of Cullom, and sister-in-law Bobbie Gray of Ashkum, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, husband, her daughter Susan,

and brothers Paul (Bud), Bob, Vince and John as well as two sister-in-laws Frances Beutien and Dorothy Knupp.

The family will receive guests at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno on Thursday, September 5, from 9-11 am. A funeral mass celebrated by Rev. Thomas Theneth will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno following the visitation at 11:30 am. Burial will be held at the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Manteno immediately following mass. There will be a dinner in the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall after the burial.

In lieu of flowers please leave memorials in Shirleys name to: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Ride 4 Life Cancer Run, the Alzheimer's Association, or St Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Please visit Shirley's online obituary and guest book at www.clancygernon.com

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

9000 E. Road
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 263-6287

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
291 N. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

SEP 5. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
207 S. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 468-3403
<http://www.stjosephmanteno.com>

Tribute Wall

TM

“ You have my deepest sympathies. Sorry for your loss.

Tim Moran - September 07, 2024 at 01:18 AM

JF

“ Our deepest sympathy to entire family
Stephen and Jeanne(Barten)Frank and family

Jeanne Frank - September 05, 2024 at 06:57 PM

PH

“ Pete Henrisey lit a candle in memory of
Shirley Mary Wulff



Pete Henrisey - September 05, 2024 at 05:44 PM

PH

Just found out about the passing of Shirley. She, and the whole family will be remembered in prayer. 🙏🙏🙏

Pete Henrisey - September 05, 2024 at 05:46 PM

BD

“ My deepest sympathies to the family! As a friend to Andrea, occasional babysitter, and summer employee at Don's, I have many fond memories of Shirley! I always loved going into the boutique side and seeing the latest “cruise wear” she displayed! Her home was always filled with beautiful pieces from her travels. Shirley was always pleasant and kind, not just to me, but to all. May all your memories and good times fill your hearts. Bev

Beverly Diedrich - September 05, 2024 at 02:07 PM

KH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Shirley's family. I enjoyed the afternoon sibling visits at Shirley's house with Grandpa Gray. Her desserts were excellent.

Kendra (Gray) Herman - September 05, 2024 at 12:26 PM

JC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We are sorry we couldn't make it to the visitation. We had so many good times on trips with your parents. We also were so happy to have met all of you on our cruise for their Anniversary. Also when your Dad passed and you girls all went to Branson with her. Our sympathy to all of you.

Jan & Carl Coleman

Jan & Carl Coleman - September 05, 2024 at 11:09 AM

PJ

“ I'm sending my condolences and love to all of Shirley's family. My prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Pam Johnson



Pam Johnson - September 04, 2024 at 05:12 PM

LH

“ I deeply sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Liz Hammond - September 04, 2024 at 10:26 AM

PK

“ *Donna, I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom. Hugs and prayers during this difficult time.* ”

Peggy Sue King - September 03, 2024 at 10:30 AM