



## Shirley J. Gauwitz

May 5, 1924 - March 21, 2023

Shirley J. Gauwitz, 98, formerly of Peoria residing at Sunny Acres Nursing Home, Petersburg, IL, passed away on March 21, 2023, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL.

She was born May 5, 1924, in Peoria to Joseph and Elizabeth (Kerker) Kirk.

Her husband, Richard L. Gauwitz, parents, along with one brother, Bernie Kirk, and one sister, Marvel Kumpf, preceded her in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Sheila "Ginger" Mattox (companion David) of Phoenix, AZ; two sons, Daniel J. (Polly) Gauwitz of Greenview, IL, and Thomas P. (Teri) Gauwitz of Roanoke, IL; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Shirley was a homemaker and insurance adjuster.

There will be no visitation. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting Shirley's family with final arrangements.

Interment will be at Resurrection Mausoleum in Peoria, IL.



# Cemetery Details

## **Resurrection Cemetery & Mausoleum**

7519 N. Allen Road  
Peoria, IL 61614

# Tribute Wall

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“ Shirley was a very dear friend of mine for a very long time. I enjoyed her and her husband on many occasions esp. in prayer groups, healing workshops, churches, visiting and traveling together. We met periodically with friends for lunch in Bloomington, the Peoria area and in Lostant, IL where we attended church together. More recently we visited via phone and encouraged one another as we age and have aging and health issues. She was a marvelous friend, encourager, supporter, prayer partner. I will miss her very much. I pray she is experiencing God 's love and peace to the fullest and is celebrating her new life praising God. Shirley I love you as a big sister and friend. I thank you for all the good times we enjoyed.  
Sister JoAn Schullian, OSF, Decatur, IL  
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Sister JoAn Schullian - May 15, 2023 at 01:31 PM

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“ Shirley was a lovely person. I didn't know her well, but found her to be sweet, caring, and warm. I visited her a few years ago to bring her a prayer shawl made by our church group, and she was so appreciative. We had a very lovely chat. My condolences to the family on your loss of Shirley.

Susan Wyckoff - March 24, 2023 at 09:26 AM

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“ Susan Wyckoff lit a candle in memory of Shirley Gauwitz



Susan Wyckoff - March 24, 2023 at 09:21 AM



“ *Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Gauwitz*



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**Larry and Mary Hundt** - March 23, 2023 at 08:32 AM