



Shirley Ann Parker

June 3, 1937 - January 3, 2025

Shirley Ann Parker, 87, of Kilbourne, passed away on Friday, January 3, 2025, in Mason City Area Nursing Home. Shirley was born June 3, 1937, in a farmhouse in Rock Creek in Menard County to Clifford and Mary (Mohn) Buchanan. She married Robert Lee Parker on October 27, 1958, in a double ring ceremony with her sister, Betty. Shirley graduated in 1957 from Petersburg Harris High School. Shirley continued to stay in touch with several of her classmates by phone. During her working years, Shirley would haul grain for Robert during harvest on the farm he worked. When it was property tax time, Shirley worked at the courthouse in Petersburg. She also cleaned houses and worked at Smith's Christmas Tree Farm.

Shirley had a heart of gold. This showed with family, friends, and animals. She also had a great relationship with the Lord. She was a member of New Lebanon Baptist Church. Shirley was an animal lover. She loved cats, taking in many, many strays over the years. Shirley rescued "Sassy" within the last year from a shelter. She also once rescued 5 mice, raised an opossum, and nursed baby skunks back to health. Shirley would throw food scraps to the wildlife every evening.

Shirley was preceded in death by her beloved, Robert, on February 2, 2009; her parents; her sister, Betty; her mother-in-law, Ollie, her father-in-law, William, along with several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

Mrs. Parker is survived by her brother, Bill (Phyllis) Buchanan of Tallula, Illinois. A special sister-in-law, Lorrie Parker of Buckner, Missouri, and several nieces and nephews, whom she loved as her own. Shirley was blessed to have several friends and Herget Bottoms family to look after her and help if needed. Special thanks to Leslie and Tim Sickmeyer for going above and beyond.

Graveside Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at Oakland Cemetery in Petersburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mason County Pets Without Parents, 29930 E. Co. Rd 1150 N., Mason City, Illinois 62664, or New Lebanon Baptist Church, 8542 N Cr 2200 E, Kilbourne, Illinois 62655

Funeral Arrangements are entrusted to Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, Illinois.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

17536 Oakland Terrace Ave
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-3022

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry for your families loss. Shirley was a very sweet lady. She love her cats and goats. Had many memory of her. Diana Todd

Diana Todd - January 06, 2025 at 05:06 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Hahn lit a candle in memory of Shirley Parker



Cheryl Hahn - January 06, 2025 at 03:30 PM

MH

“ Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Parker



Mary Hundt - January 06, 2025 at 08:10 AM