



Shirley P. Desko

July 1, 1922 - February 12, 2014

Shirley Desko, 91, went to be with the Lord on February 12, 2014. Shirley was born and raised in North Haven, CT. She met her future husband, Bernie, who was serving in the Coast Guard in New London, CT. They married in 1947 and made their home in Erie, PA where they raised their 2 children. Shirley and Bernie were happily married for 58 years when Bernie passed away. She moved to Fort Collins to be near her family. One of her greatest pleasures was being a grandmother and most recently becoming a great grandmother. She is survived by daughter, Joan Whirty Will of Fort Collins, CO; son, John Desko Peggy of Albuquerque NM; granddaughter, Nina Roys Scott of Timnath, CO and great-grandson, Liam. A family service will be held in her honor.

Tribute Wall

SR

“ I loved the picture, that was Shirley, always smiling. Fond memories of both Bernie and Shirley. They were so good to me. The best times were working on the Triumph and my MG. I can still see both of them cruising around in the triumph with the top down. Thoroughly enjoyed the many times they spent at our house. I was glad I saw Shirley just before she moved to Colorado. We shared the same hairdresser and would run into each other there. You were blessed to have such wonderful parents, and to have had them share your life for so long.

Susan Russo - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Joan, John, and Family, Shirley was a good friend of my mother, Dee Wasson. When we moved my mom to a neighboring facility, Shirley was there visiting in the first days, and she continued to visit as long as she was able. She insisted that Mom go to play Bingo with her; that habit has continued and is one of my mom's joys. When I told her of Shirley's passing, Mom was sad and said that she was such a good friend and kind person. Dee said that Joan is so nice. We are sorry for your loss. Your mom made a real difference in other's lives.

David Wasson - February 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Prayers and thoughts from the McNabb family

Merritt McNabb Dill - February 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family on your loss. Your Mom was very good to my mother in law when she was in the Worthington. She was always watching out for her. Her friendly smile will be missed. She was a sweetheart and I would have loved to have seen her on the motorcycle she told us about! You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Brian and Janice Tormey

Janice - February 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Were we ever surprised and upset when we learned about Shirley. She had sent us 2 Christmas cards this year, she must of had one of those senior moments! I was planning on dropping here a line soon to send pictures of and tell her about all our snow. Guess I should have acted sooner. We will miss her and her cards just as we miss Bern. Hope you are all doing as well as can be expected and if we can do anything for you just let us know. Take care and be sure to let us know if you're ever in Erie. Here's our phone # 814 833 3189. There's not a day that goes by when I don't think of Bernie, really miss him.

Sam & Barb Nardo - February 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ John, Joan and Nina: Surprised and sad to hear of your mother/grandmother's passing away. She still kept in touch with us at Christ Church, and we loved her dearly. The Deskos will always be remembered by their friends here in Erie. And we still remember those special birthday parties you had for Mom and Dad. I will keep you in my prayers at this very sad time. Love, Agnes and family

Agnes Billisits - February 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ Dear Joan and John There are no words good enough to comfort you.but I like too let you know it felt good to know Bernie and Shirley. When you were visiting Erie we met only shortly in person to short to get to know each other. But.your Mom and Dad living in my Heart and there are always moments I talk.about them. Sending my love Wolfgang

Wolfgang Plathner - February 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Nina and Joan and family, I am so sorry for your loss I will always remember our summers with Grandma and Grandpa. My thoughts and prayers you with your whole family.

Renee McIntire Barnard - February 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Hi Joan, Nina, and family Jack and I read in the paper about grandma. We are sending our love and condolences to you during this time. We loved Shirley so much. Love you and God bless you.

Rhoda and Jack McIntire - February 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ JJ & Bill - My prayers are with you and your family during this time of sadness. May happy memories of your mom bring you comfort and peace.

Carol Rankin - February 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ We are so sorry for loss and have you and your family in our prayers. Let us know if you need anything as we are always available to be there for you. Sincerely Yours, Bud and Carla

Bud and Carla - February 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ My parents, Dick and Sylvia, lived at the Worthington for 5 years, and then at New Mercer Commons. Shirley was a good friend of theirs. As my mother moved through the last stages of cancer Shirley visited often, and Shirley wrote my mother a very touching personal note. I saw Shirley often, as she visited others who were in need. She was such a kind and loving person, and she will be missed. My condolences to the family.

Rick Schroeder - February 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Peace be with your family during this time. We love you guys!!

Mike Calhoon - February 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ JJ and Bill. Tess and I will hold you in our thoughts during this sad time. Our condolences on your mom's passing. We'll always remember her as the sweet, lively lady in the red sports car at the 4th of July parade.

Marty and Tess - February 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Dear Joan, I was so sad to hear about your mother on Facebook. I remember her fondly when she was our Girl Scout leader. I also remember visiting your house and having dinner with your family so very long ago. She was a wonderful lady and so nice to me. Please accept my condolences at this most difficult time.

Susan Kemmler Kampfer - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM