



Mrs. Shirley Kathleen Cooper

November 30, 1940 - November 8, 2017

Mrs. Shirley Cooper (nee Shyiak) of Okotoks, Alberta passed away on November 8, 2017 at the age of 76 at the Foothills, Country Hospice. Shirley is survived by her husband Cleve, daughter Shireen Boutilier and husband Gary of Guelph, Ontario, grandchildren Jade, of Montreal, P.Q. and Danika of St. Catharines, Ontario ; son Greg and his wife, Barbara and children Rachel and Paige and step children, Luke, Dawson and Kolbi-Lyn of Okotoks, Alberta; son David and his wife Karen and children Riley and Graden of Edmonton, Alberta. Shirley is also survived by her sister, Eileen Miller of Ottawa, Ontario and brother Jerry Shyiak of Thunder Bay, Ontario. She also leaves behind several close relatives, cousins and a host of many friends. She was predeceased by her father and mother, Walter and Elsie Shyiak of Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Shirley was born on the family farm at Alonsa, Manitoba and grew up in Amaranth, Manitoba where she and her husband Cleve met in school together. After completing high school, Shirley attended Manitoba Teacher's College in Winnipeg and taught school for two years in a one room school house near Portage La Prairie. After marrying in 1963, Shirley followed her husband around to RCMP postings in the N.W.T, Yukon, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta, raising a family of three children and leaving them behind at various places in Canada in a final posting to Ottawa. Shirley was a wonderful, wife and mother who loved being a homemaker, hosting many family dinners on special occasions throughout the years. She enjoyed travelling to various countries of the world with Cleve and spent eight wonderful years wintering in Gold Canyon, Arizona. After retirement, Shirley and Cleve moved to the MD of Foothills and enjoyed seventeen years of acreage living in the area.

Cremation has taken place. At Shirley's request there will be no funeral service, however, a memorial service will take place in 2018 at the RCMP Training Centre Chapel in Regina, Saskatchewan after which her ashes will be placed in a Columbarium at the RCMP Cemetery on the grounds.

Memorial donations can be made to the Foothills Country Hospice Society, P.O. Box 274,

Okotoks, Alberta T1S 1A5 or a charity of your choice.

To send condolences and view Shirley's Tribute Page please visit <http://www.lylereeves.com>. Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Comments



“ Eileen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Kathleen Cooper



Eileen - December 01, 2017 at 11:24 AM



“ It feels like years but it has only been days,
And yet that is still too long.
Wish you were here with me, laughing during the good times and crying during the bad ones.
I miss being able to call you any time and spend hours talking about everything under the sun.
We grew up and lived apart, as most siblings do.
We had our own set of friends and our own set of goals, but that still didn't change the fact that we were sisters.
There was nothing that I wouldn't do for you and nothing that you wouldn't do for me.
I will always wish you were still here with me enjoying life.
But I can understand why such a beautiful person is on the other side from now until eternity.
Just know that I love and miss you,
And this, is a tribute to you, my dear sister.

Eileen

Eileen - December 01, 2017 at 11:26 AM



“ Growing up living next door to each other Shirley and I created a bond that was to last a lifetime. I felt so fortunate and have always treasured that friendship. Throughout her illness she remained a trooper with a smile, a laugh, and a very positive attitude. Shirley ruled her world with realism and common sense. Let the wonderful memories she left behind be the comfort you and your family need in this time of sorrow.
With loving thoughts, Terry and Phyllis Kilburn

Terry and Phyllis Kilburn - November 14, 2017 at 11:38 PM



“ Nancy Liu lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Kathleen Cooper



Nancy Liu - November 14, 2017 at 04:47 PM



“ Cleve & family
Our thoughts are with you. Shirley will be greatly missed. We will always remember the day we met at the swimming pool in Gold Canyon. The trips back will not be quite the same.

Sending our sincere condolences

Sandra & Karl Lindner

karl Lindner - November 14, 2017 at 11:07 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Cleve, and all of Shirley's family and friends. We only knew her briefly, but she was a lovely, caring person.

Okotoks Cancer Support Group



Dorothy Nichols for Cancer Support Group - November 13, 2017 at 07:07 PM



“ Cleve and Family!

Shirley was a lovely and caring person. She always met you with a smile in a kind and gentle way. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sending our love and condolences.
Your Cousin, Gordon and Carol Ogilvie
West Kelowna, BC

Gordon Ogilvie - November 13, 2017 at 06:11 PM



“ Cleve and Family, My deepest condolences over your loss of wife, mother and grandmother. Shirley was held in high regard by me and her welcome smile on each meeting was a blessing. Her beet pickles were most welcome and truly enjoyed and each bite in the past, has, and in the future, will bring fond memories. My prayers are with you all.

Norm Knowles.

Norm Knowles - November 13, 2017 at 06:11 PM



“ Cleve & family, Shirley was such a wonderful lady with great dignity, a loving heart & a ready smile. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Our condolences to all of you.
Howard & Judy Snider

Judy Snider - November 13, 2017 at 05:05 PM



“ Our thoughts are with you all. The lady with the smile on her face is the way we will remember Shirley. You just automatically smiled in return. Take care , love Karen, Colin, Cameron, Erin Dowson and Cailley Wiggins xx

Karen Dowson - November 13, 2017 at 03:10 PM



“ Dear Cleve & Family,
Our sincere condolences to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Florence Kamelchuk

Florence (Steggstra) Kamelchuk - November 13, 2017 at 02:43 PM



“ Shirley and I shared only a couple of days and many emails. I so enjoyed her wisdom, strength and kindness. A true lady and friend who had a beautiful smile and laugh. My condolences to Cleve and all the family and friends.



Arlene Nelson Brown - November 13, 2017 at 10:58 AM



“ Dear Cleve and family.

We were so saddened to hear of Shirley's passing, she was such a beautiful, kind lady and she will be missed. We are glad that we got to know her and spend some time with you both. Please accept our deepest sympathy. RIP Shirley.
Love From Mickey and Joe Pulak.

Mickey and Joe Pulak - November 11, 2017 at 11:47 AM



“ Dear Cleve and family. Our sincere condolences to you Cleve and to all the family. Our recent family experience has given us some appreciation for challenging times ahead. Rest assured that you will have support from your many friends Bob Head

Robert Head - November 13, 2017 at 01:21 PM



“ Dear Cleve and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this very sad time, wishing we were closer to your country to offer you more personal condolences, That beautiful photo with a beautiful smiling face will always be held very dear to our hearts. Bless you all, Jan and Rob Jones

Jan & Rob Jones - November 13, 2017 at 11:38 PM



“ Cleve & Family - Shirley was just such a lovely lady. I am so very sorry for your loss. Your presence in our neighborhood in Gold Canyon is greatly missed! My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

Faye Nord

Faye Nord - November 14, 2017 at 09:27 AM



“ Cleve and family: The loss of Shirley really can't be put into words. I can't imagine your great sadness. We will always see her glowing, chatting, laughing and making sure everyone else was alright. Shirley was a magnet who drew everyone to her. Please take care of yourselves.

Judi and Bill - November 14, 2017 at 10:05 AM



“ Dear Cleve and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Having only met Shirley once ...I found her to have a loving heart and a beautiful smile. She just radiated warmth and kindness..a special lady so glad I had the opportunity to meet her. Thinking of you and your family Cleve and sending hugs your way. Kerri-Mae Mayor

kerri-mae Mayor - November 14, 2017 at 01:33 PM



“ Cleve and family. Sincere condolences on Shirley's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during these difficult times. May you draw comfort remembering your favourite times together knowing that the memories will be full of love, laughter and the good things you shared. Don and Pat McDermid

Don McDermid - November 14, 2017 at 01:43 PM



“ Dear Cleve, Shireen & Gary, Greg & Barb, David & Karen and all the Grandchildren and Eileen & Jim, Jerry & Chrissy and your families. Elizabeth & I send our heartfelt condolences at this awful time in your lives. You & Shirley are the epitome of family values and genuine to the sole. It was always our most comfortable time for us to visit knowing that the both of you were the most accommodating and true friends. We will always cherish the times we had with your & Shirley. God be with all of you at this very trying time.

Dennis & Elizabeth

Dennis & Elizabeth Isfeld - November 19, 2017 at 06:03 PM