



Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard

August 21, 1936 - April 23, 2025

On August 21, 1936 Curly and Louise Law welcomed their first child, Shirley Louise, into the world. Shirley was always a country girl at heart, living in various rural Manitoba towns - Souris, Darlingford, Carman and Manitou.

She had warm memories of her grandparents' farm where aunts, uncles and a whole bunch of cousins gathered for special occasions, or just to visit. Having grandparents who emigrated from Dundee, Scotland she was proud of her Scottish roots.

Shirley was the oldest of three girls and she loved her sisters deeply. She had many stories to tell about life with her family that included cold winter mornings, cleaning the biffy, workshop on Sundays and being with her father at his locker plant.

After graduating high school, Shirley attended Normal School in Winnipeg and soon after became a teacher. She met Warren on the ballfield on a weekend away from her students and was married for over 50 years to her "handsome outfielder". Together they had two children in the mid- 60's who fondly remember their childhood as pretty darned great.

Shirley and Warren moved to Calgary in the late 60's where Shirley built on her teaching experience to begin a career in Christian Education at McDougall

United Church. She quickly discovered her calling and became a United Church minister, first with the Blackie/Gladys congregations and later filling in for churches across Southern Alberta until she retired at the age of 70.

Shirley and Warren remained living in High River for the rest of their lives. Shirley was fortunate to have many friends who were constant companions in her 'golden years'. Just before she passed away on April 23, 2025, she was recounting her blessed life of a wonderful family and great friends.

Shirley's immediate family includes her sister Pat (Tony), and their children Roger (Jaime) and Jodi (Ken) and sister Gwen (Barry). Children Danna (Henrik) and Tod (Marilyn) and grandchildren Erik , Brittany, Brooklyn and Jackson were her pride and joys and great grandchildren Gage, Rory, Renley, Kellen , Sloan and Leo were a source of great fun for her. She was Auntie Shirley to many nieces and nephews.

Shirley touched many many lives. We will all miss her tremendously.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Foothills Fetal Alcohol Society - www.foothillsfas.com or etransfer to admin@foothillsfas.com .

A Celebration of Shirley's Life will be held on Friday, June 13th at 1:00 p.m. at the Heritage Inn in High River.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN 13. 1:00 PM (MT)

Heritage Inn, High River
1104 11 Ave. SE
High River, AB (CA)

Tribute Wall

LH

“ *Lee And Karen Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard*



lee and karen hall - July 11, 2025 at 08:28 AM

DS

“ *Debbie And Craig Schmuland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard*



Debbie and Craig Schmuland - June 30, 2025 at 12:47 AM

KH

“ *I remember Shirley from Nanton United Church where occasionally she led worship, and mostly she participated in worship with the congregation. She was able to sing alto harmony to many of the hymns in Voices United. Her warmth and wisdom will stay with me forever! Blessings to her family. -Kathleen Honeychurch*

Kathleen M Honeychurch - June 18, 2025 at 09:14 PM

SH

“ Shirley filled in at the church where I was minister during my maternity leave. Shirley and my Dad, Rev. Ormand Lavenne, presided at our baby daughter’s baptism. The service ended with lively music from the musician. My Dad turned to Shirley and the two of them spontaneously began dancing a spirited, elegant waltz in the sanctuary, so in fitting to the celebration of a new child’s birth and baptism. I am imagining Shirley’s entry into heaven was equally celebrated with joy and vigour. My condolences to Shirley’s family.

Shelley Den Haan - June 18, 2025 at 05:44 PM

SH

Submitted by Shelley Den Haan

Shelley Den Haan - June 18, 2025 at 05:45 PM

DP

Shirley and I spent much time together on church committees. She was such a joy to be with.
She loved her family, the church and her faith in God.
The heavens can only rejoice to have Shirley rejoin the heavenly chorus

Doug Powell - June 18, 2025 at 07:44 PM

VC

“ Our family moved to Blackie in the summer of 1985 and met Shirley soon after. She was a wonderful minister who had a special passion for children. Our daughter, when displeased with me, would announce she’s going to Collards! Pretty soon our daughter would come home after talking it over with Collard. We became friends, and I became her church secretary and started a choir and played the piano. Shirley and Warren will always hold a special part in our hearts.



Verla Carter - June 08, 2025 at 05:44 PM

JH

“ *My sincere condolences to Shirley’s family on her passing. I had met her when she filled in as minister at the United Church in Turner Valley a number of years ago. She was a delightful lady for certain!* ”

Janice Howie - June 08, 2025 at 05:28 PM

KF

“ *Karen Foley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard* ”



Karen Foley - May 13, 2025 at 04:14 PM

BH

“ *Bill And Cheryl Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard* ”



Bill and Cheryl Holmes - May 12, 2025 at 12:20 AM

DG

“ *Our sincere condolences to family and friends. Shirley created great memories with all who had the pleasure of meeting and chatting with her, whether through the church or when she was with Warren. May those memories help get you through this difficult time.* ”

Deb Gross - May 11, 2025 at 06:33 PM

BK

“ A light has surely gone out in our world, but heaven has gained another angel! Shirley's kindness, strength and warmth touched every life she encountered. She had a heart full of love, a smile that brightened even the darkest day, and a spirit that lifted those around her.

Shirley married us - a moment we will always hold dear - and we were lucky to share so many wonderful memories with her at countless ball games over the years.

Though she is no longer with us, her legacy lives on in the memories we cherish and the love she so freely gave.

Our deepest condolences are with Todd, Dana and their family during this time of sorrow. You are in our hearts and prayers.



Bob & Phyllis Kinzner - May 08, 2025 at 02:50 PM

BC

“ A light has definitely gone out in the lives of all that knew and loved Shirley – but the warmth of her spirit will remain with us always. My deepest condolences to her family.

I have known “Auntie” Shirley all of my life. My father Roy and Shirley were pals since they were farm kids in rural Manitoba. I am blessed to have been able to maintain that connection through the years when she and Uncle Warren would spend Winters on Vancouver Island. To me Shirley was like family. I deeply treasure the guidance, support and laughter she gave me over the years. She was a loving force with an indomitable spirit. I am comforted with the knowing that she and my Dad are likely playing pranks and having good laughs in the heaven they are most certainly worthy of.

Beth Crawford - May 08, 2025 at 12:41 PM

DF

“ My deepest condolences to Tod, Danna and their families. Shirley was always a bright light at McDougall United Church, sharing her love and laughter with everyone. She and my dad, Dick Fox, were often heard joking and laughing together as they did Sunday School planning together. She was a wonderful role model to me and I'm so grateful for all the gifts she shared with us. Hugs to you all.

Diane Fox - May 08, 2025 at 11:33 AM

LG

“ Lynette Gillanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard



Lynette Gillanders - May 06, 2025 at 02:09 PM

SF

“ Most sincere sympathy to Shirley's family.

Sharon Forbes - May 06, 2025 at 10:48 AM

CL

“ Shirley was a lovely strong spiritual woman ... I am grateful to have known her and thankful for her wisdom ... my fondest memory is her marrying my daughter and her husband on a very hot day in July 2006 at Hogg Park ... she had an incredible intuition and sense of humour... RIP Shirley



Carol Lyall - May 05, 2025 at 11:27 PM

JB

“ *Our condolences to Danna and Henrik & family.*



John & Louise Barlow - May 05, 2025 at 04:27 PM

KC

“ *My condolences. Had many conversations with this wonderful woman!*



Kathy Cuthbertson - May 05, 2025 at 02:23 PM

LG

“ *Lisa Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard*



Lisa Groeneveld - May 05, 2025 at 12:35 PM

KW

“ *Kendra Wegener lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard*



Kendra Wegener - May 05, 2025 at 11:39 AM

KW

“ *Dana and family.
Big hugs to you all. Shirley was an absolute gem of a lady. Murray and I were so fortunate to have your mom officiate our wedding way back in 1985. We loved our weekly chats, that we laughingly referred to as our "marriage lessons". Shirley always had time to stop and say hello and had a genuine interest in our well being over the years. Heaven is so lucky to receive this beautiful angel.*

Kendra Wegener - May 05, 2025 at 11:38 AM

BA

“ *Sending sincere condolences to the Collard families in the loss of Shirley. She was a remarkable lady, respected by all who knew her, and I valued her friendship very much. Shirley held meaningful roles in the Blackie Gladys community and touched the lives of many people. Jim and I had a trip to Alaska with Warren and Shirley in our campers, such wonderful memories. Rest in peace Shirley, your memory will live on in our hearts.*

Barb Andersen - May 03, 2025 at 08:50 PM

AM

“ *Allana Mueller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard*



Allana Mueller - April 30, 2025 at 08:30 PM

GG

“ Geraldine German lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard



Geraldine German - April 30, 2025 at 06:05 PM

LK

“ My deepest condolences to Dana and family. Shirley was such a kind, loving and beautiful woman. I feel blessed to have known her. All her visits to patients at the High River hospital over the years really showed what a beautiful soul Shirley really was. Lee-Ann King



LEE-ANN KING - April 30, 2025 at 03:49 PM

TG

“ Toni Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard



Toni Groeneveld - April 30, 2025 at 03:44 PM

AL

“ So sorry to hear of Shirley's passing. Prayers and thought are with her family. Cousin Arnold and Rish Law.



Arnold law - April 30, 2025 at 01:31 PM

LG

“ *Lloyd & Alice Groeneveld lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard*



Lloyd & Alice Groeneveld - April 29, 2025 at 01:47 PM

CM

“ *Carole Malmberg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard*



Carole Malmberg - April 29, 2025 at 12:53 PM

MW

“ *Murray And Kendra Wegener lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard*



Murray and Kendra Wegener - April 29, 2025 at 12:52 PM

SL

“ *STEPHEN LAYCRAFT lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard*



STEPHEN LAYCRAFT - April 29, 2025 at 12:08 AM

SU

“ Sue lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard



sue - April 28, 2025 at 08:28 PM

RF

“ Shirley was a great lady with a keen sense of humour. We chatted often when she was in the Medicine Tree Manor sharing memories of southern Manitoba and our roots there. My condolences to Todd and the family.

rhoda fairfield - April 28, 2025 at 07:55 PM

GL

“ Gail Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard



Gail Lewis - April 28, 2025 at 12:26 PM

MB

“ Michael Bird lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard



Michael Bird - April 28, 2025 at 09:39 AM

DK

“ Sorry to hear about Shirley's passing. She was a lovely lady and contributed a lot to our Blackie/Gladys community.

Doug & Wendy Kennedy - April 28, 2025 at 09:30 AM

AZ

“ Ann Holmes Zirk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard



Ann Holmes Zirk - April 27, 2025 at 10:57 PM

GC

“ Gerry And Glenda Cutforth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard



Gerry and Glenda Cutforth - April 27, 2025 at 09:43 PM

DM

“ Don And Lana Malmberg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard



Don and Lana Malmberg - April 27, 2025 at 09:38 PM

DL

“ *David Laycraft lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard*



David Laycraft - April 27, 2025 at 03:25 PM

AW

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to all the family!*



Ann & Ron Weston - April 27, 2025 at 02:49 PM

WW

“ *Wayne And Terry Wilderman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard*



Wayne and Terry Wilderman - April 27, 2025 at 08:55 AM

VC

“ *Vickie Connor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard*



Vickie Connor - April 27, 2025 at 07:32 AM

RB

“ *Danna, Henrick and Family.....you are all in our thoughts. Big Hugs!*



Ralph and Brenda Bedson - April 26, 2025 at 08:44 PM

CJ

“ *Thinking of all of Shirley's family members at this time. Blessings to all*

Connie L. Jewell - April 26, 2025 at 07:46 PM

SM

“ *Sheila Macklin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard*

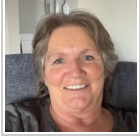


Sheila Macklin - April 26, 2025 at 06:56 PM

CE

“ *With heartfelt sympathy, we send our sincere condolences to the Collard family. Shirley was a very special Lady, to our family. She was “one of a kind” and will be fondly remembered, forever.*

Carla & Herman Elfring - April 26, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ Angie McCormick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard



Angie McCormick - April 26, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ Debbie Merckx lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard



Debbie Merckx - April 26, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ Sheena Fleming Read lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard



Sheena Fleming Read - April 26, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ Tammy Faria lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard



Tammy Faria - April 26, 2025 at 10:00 AM

TM

“ *Tammy Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard*



Tammy Meadows - April 26, 2025 at 09:52 AM

TS

“ *Terry Strand lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard*



Terry Strand - April 26, 2025 at 09:35 AM

RW

“ *We send our sincere sympathy & love to Shirley's family. I remember fondly our days at Blackie United & Gladys Ridge Church...especially our Choir days. I will be thinking of you & her as you take your final walk & say farewell. May wonderful memories help heal the pain in your heart.*

Russ & Sharon Watkins

Russ & Sharon Watkins - April 26, 2025 at 09:18 AM

JD

“ *Janet Davies lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard*



Janet Davies - April 26, 2025 at 09:12 AM

BM

“ My deepest condolences to all of Shirley’s family, Shirley was such an amazing lady, who touched the lives of so many people, & she was such a wonderful helping soul, to all who knew her, all the very best to everyone 🙏❤️

Bert Montgomery - April 26, 2025 at 09:08 AM

SE

“ Susan Eamor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard



Susan Eamor - April 26, 2025 at 09:07 AM

MK

“ Mike And Cathy Kendal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard



Mike and Cathy Kendal - April 26, 2025 at 08:29 AM

MR

“ My sincere condolences to the family, Shirley was a treasure, as was Warren, now together again

Merle Rahn - April 26, 2025 at 01:48 AM

CM

“ My heart is full of smiles and memories of this sweet woman, she loved a dirty joke, a practical joke and always had a kind word for one and all. She prayed like she loved-steadfast and true. I will miss her so very much as we had so much fun!!

Chrissy Mosby - April 25, 2025 at 10:48 PM

AD

“ My Sincere Sympathy to you Danna, Henrik, and all of Shirley's family. I knew your Mom for many years but only after she came to live in the Condos did we become much closer friends. We were there for each other when we needed a shoulder to cry on but also shared so many good belly laughs! Her friendship meant a lot to me. RIP. My friend 🌹

Arlayne Davies - April 25, 2025 at 03:45 PM

CA

“ My deepest condolences. Shirley was such a lovely lady.

Connie Anderson - April 25, 2025 at 03:38 PM

PB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss.
Shirley was a wonderful lady to me, and we enjoyed looking at the Darlingford history

pat baker - April 25, 2025 at 01:21 PM

MH

“ My sympathy to the family , from marlene herriman

Marlene herriman - April 25, 2025 at 01:03 PM

SS

“ *Rest in Peace Shirley 🌸*
The last time I saw you was at the HR hospital visiting with Tony,
wonderful sweet lady, enjoyed our chats ☐

susan sibley - April 25, 2025 at 12:37 PM

MS

“ *Monty Southgate lit a candle in memory of*
Mrs. Shirley Louise Collard



Monty Southgate - April 25, 2025 at 12:31 PM