



## Clarice Ann Smith Shirk

November 6, 2020

After a brief but courageous battle with cancer, Clarice Ann Smith Shirk, 74, of Lititz, passed away at home surrounded by family and friends on Friday, November 6, 2020.

Clarice graduated from Mansfield High School, Mansfield, PA, and the Arnot Ogden School of Nursing, Elmira, NY with an RN Degree. She continued her education by completing her BSN at Millersville University.

A skilled and valued operating room informatics nurse, Clarice spent the majority of her professional career with Lancaster General Hospital and retired after 37 years of dedicated service. She was a member of Grandview United Methodist Church ringing with the Bell Choir for many years. She was also a collector of paperweights and cut-glass treasures.

Enjoying travel and sporting events, Clarice regularly watched her beloved "Phillie's". Creative and artistic, she handcrafted beautiful counted cross stitch treasures. Many family and friends are recipients of her beautiful creations. She believed there was no better color in the world than purple.

Born in Elmira, NY, Clarice was the daughter of the late Roland J and Shirley Beardslee Smith. She is survived by her husband, Harold L. Shirk, and his children, David A. Shirk, husband of Cathy, Douglas W. Shirk, W. Dennis Shirk, husband of Lisa, and Kimberly J. Miller, wife of Troy. Clarice and Harold treasured their six grandchildren, Joseph, husband of Kaitlyn, Matthew, Stephanie, Ian, Aidan and Emily.

Clarice is also survived by her sister, Rhonda J. Hamilton, and her brothers, J. Harlo Smith, husband of Kathleen, Lyman M. Smith, husband of Karen, and Wendell J. Smith, husband of Jennifer; her sister in law, Ida Weaver, wife of Dale, many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews. Clarice enjoyed a special relationship with two of her nephews, Chadwick and Wyatt, who will lovingly remember their "Aunty".

Clarice's Life Celebration will be at the family's convenience and announced later. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to Grandview United Methodist Church, attn: Choir and Bell Choir, 888 Pleasure Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.

# Comments

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“ I have worked with and known Clarice for many years both in and out of work. Many memories of our trip to Europe and our years of Phillie Phanatic games. We had a great time!!! I'm so sorry for your loss and send my thoughts and prayers for comfort during this difficult time!!!  
Vicki Geib

**Vicki L Geib** - November 10, 2020 at 07:34 PM

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“ I didn't get to know her other than mostly from her husband Harold. I worked with Harold and we have remained close ever since. Harold obviously always spoke very highly of Clarice and I imagine that she was a strong woman, especially given Harold's very hectic work schedule. Luckily, they did get some time to travel during retirement, but it sure would have been great to see them have even more time. My wife and I will be keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers, especially Harold.

**George Master** - November 10, 2020 at 02:52 PM

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“ My husband & I knew her from the Silver Sneakers class at Universal Athletic Club. Though we haven't exercised since March because of Covid, we do have fond memories of talking with her before & after class. We did meet Harold a few times. Clarice & her family will be in our thoughts & prayers.  
Howard & Susan Pearson

**Susan Pearson** - November 10, 2020 at 02:25 PM

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“ Clarice was a customer of mine for many years. She was one of the best you could have and so nice. I am so sorry for her loss and pray for the family's strength especially her husband Harold. She will be truly missed but she is safe in the hands of the Lord. I am Maryanne Ryan. Rest in peace

**Maryanne Ryan** - November 10, 2020 at 10:41 AM

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“ She somehow managed to host a Thanksgiving of 10+ people every year, and very successfully at that. We had always talked about going to England on her 90th birthday, she was an incredible aunt and will be very missed.

**Wyatt Hamilton IV** - November 10, 2020 at 09:58 AM



“ We enjoyed waiting on Clarice and Harold every Monday at New Holland family of course they bought MANY other shirks with them we love that family and had so much fun every week Clarice will be missed and Harold we all send our hearts and thoughts to you at this time may the whole family be given peace and comfort

**New Holland family waitresses and hostes** - November 11, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ We could always count on Clarice's quiet smile and twinkle in her eye. I am so sorry for your loss, and send prayers for your comfort.

Delphine Copp

**Delphine Copp** - November 12, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ I remember Clarice from our church we both attended as children. Always a pleasant child. As a child I never could understand why she wasn't my cousin as Delphine Copp was her cousin and Delphine was my cousin. I would have been very happy to have her as a cousin. Prayers for her family.

**Mary Harvey** - November 12, 2020 at 02:48 PM