



Shirley G. Lefever

October 17, 2018

Shirley G. Lefever, age 87, of Lancaster County, passed away at Masonic Villages on Wednesday, October 17, 2018. Born in Lampeter, PA to the late John Herr Groff and Frances Willard Mylin.

Shirley graduated in 1952 from Lancaster General Hospital's nursing program.

She was a homemaker, raising four children. As a long-time member of Marticville Methodist Church, she enjoyed teaching Sunday school. Through the Church, she was a cottage holder for many years at Rawlinsville Camp Meeting, where she played the trumpet for the evening services. She was also a member of the Farm Woman group where she served as an active officer. Additionally, she served as a Penn Laurel Girl Scout Leader and a nurse for the Furnace Hills Summer Camp. Shirley was a member of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church and a member of the Blue Mountain 50plus club, where she traveled all over the country.

Shirley has fond memories from her travels. She enjoyed games, such as pinochle and was an avid Philadelphia Phillies fan. She retired as a Registered Nurse from U.C.C. Retirement Center in Myerstown, PA. She was a woman of faith and a believer.

She loved her children and her many friends, most recently her friends at

Benjamin Franklin Health Center, Floor 2 including “Mason” aka “Pretty Boy” and thanks the staff for their compassion and friendship.

Shirley is survived by her three daughters, Carolyn Thomas (Duane) of New Danville, Brenda Higgins (Greg) of Elizabethtown, and Barbara Slagle (Joseph) of Millersville; her son, Andrew Funk of Brogue York County; her 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, along with her brother, John Henry Groff of Willow Valley and her sister, Evelyn G. Keir of Athens, PA. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. She will be dearly missed by all of her Eskimo Spitz’s “Fluffy”. She was preceded in death by her brother Benjamin Groff.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Shirley’s life on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603. A visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Graveside Service at Willow Street Mennonite Cemetery, 399 E. Penn Grant Road, Willow Street, PA 17584.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Rawlinsville Camp Meeting, 475 Clearfield Road, Holtwood, PA 17532.

Cemetery Details

Willow Street Mennonite Cemetery

399 East Penn Grant Road
Willow Street, PA 17584

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
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Graveside Service

OCT **24**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley G. Lefever*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dear LeFever and Groff families,
I just came across Shirley's obituary and wanted to express my sympathy for your loss. I am a distant relative (on the Mylin side) from Ohio and have a wedding photo of Aunt Francis that my grandmother, Kathryn Alandar, once owned. Eventually, it was left to my mother, Midge Olsen, and finally to me. Please contact me at fo urwobbins@sbcglobal.net. I am truly sorry about Shirley's passing.
Marcia Olsen Robbins, Ohio*

Marcia Robbins - February 12, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ *So many great memories flooding back of Aunt Shirley Anne, Uncle Ken and the family. First ever ride in a one horse open sleigh. Riding horseback with Andy like we were the baddest cowboys around. Rawlinsville camp, riding bikes, singing songs, playing every sport and game imaginable. Shirley Anne was so competitive and always in the mix. Go Phillies! A lot of love shared over the years. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I will forever cherish the memories!*

Chuck Keir - October 24, 2018 at 09:37 AM

ML

“ Carolyn and Barb,
I am very sorry for the loss of your mother, she was a sweet lady
and full of spunk. I am keeping you all in my prayers at this difficult
time. My sincere condolences to you and your families.

Mary Lyons

Mary Lyons - October 22, 2018 at 12:58 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Lisa - October 22, 2018 at 12:48 PM



“ Susan Thomas purchased the Beautiful in Blue
for the family of Shirley G. Lefever.



Susan Thomas - October 22, 2018 at 11:27 AM

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“ 11 files added to the album Memories Album



Lisa - October 22, 2018 at 10:33 AM



“ 7 files added to the album Memories Album



The Groff's Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - October 21, 2018 at 02:51 PM

JO

Brenda, Carolyn, Barbara, I remember your mom very well, and she was such a great lady. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. I will never forget the picnic her and uncle Ken had, so much fun....fondly, Joanne [rineer] Latsha

joanne - October 21, 2018 at 05:44 PM

JB

My mom always talked about her Aunt Shirley Ann's humor and grit. I remember visiting her home and imagining her the giant stuffed bear in her house was protecting her whole family. She was a lovely woman and made such an impact on so many lives. Rest In Peace.

Jessica I Beegle - October 25, 2018 at 05:06 PM



“ *I have so many wonderful childhood memories of my Aunt Shirley. She always had a smile and a hug ready for me. She once invited me to spend a week with her on her farm so I picked the eggs from the chicken coop, played baseball, rode a horse, went sledding in the winter, ate the delicious meals she prepared, played with her dog, Fluffy, and stayed with her at the Rawlingsville Camp Meeting. Our families would get together whenever possible for weekends and Holidays. She was such a joy to be with and I will miss her, but she lived a full life and we all celebrate that life now. Susie*

Susan Thomas - October 20, 2018 at 09:22 PM

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“ *The Raupers family purchased the Country Basket et Blooms for the family of Shirley G. Lefever.*



The Raupers family - October 20, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley G. Lefever.*



October 20, 2018 at 12:24 PM



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