



Shirley Joan Rynders

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Some say that grief is the price we pay for love. Though the grief we feel in this moment is great, it pales in comparison to the love shared by so many for Shirley, who passed peacefully at her Lancaster home surrounded by her four daughters on Wednesday, June 19, 2024. Born in Creekside, PA on September 2, 1936 to Ralph J. McCracken and Cora (Logue) McCracken, she was the youngest of twelve children. Shirley was a graduate of Indiana Area High School, class of 1954. She is survived by her four daughters; Penelope Russell (Jon) of New Port Richey, FL, Victoria Patterson (Scott) of Auroa, CO, Denise Burkholder (Lydia Henry) of Lancaster, PA and Robin Douglas (Michael) of Satsuma, FL. Shirley leaves a legacy of ten grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two additional great-granddaughters about to enter this world. She was a beloved cousin, aunt, and friend to many.

Preceding Shirley in death were her parents; husband, Harold Rynders; son, Roger Lauper; sisters, Lucille Johnson, Cleo Drawdy, Lillian Shaffer, Twila DePrimo; brothers Irvin Lee, William, Ralph, Herbert, Donald, Kenneth and David.

Shirley was a remarkably kind and generous woman for whom being thoughtful seemed to come naturally. Those fortunate enough to have known this amazing woman realized she had a streak of something very decent running through her. Shirley's unique beauty was in the way she treated

others. She ventured to look beyond labels to deeply appreciate and value who you were. Her greatest joy was time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Our greatest joy was time spent with her. We will miss her dearly and we wish she were here to share her quick wit and yet another of her entertaining stories about growing up with Ralph, Cora and her siblings in Creekside, PA. In our sadness, we are lifted up by the extraordinary gift of her life.

A celebration of her life will be held at the convenience of the family.