



Shirley M. MacLaughlin

June 11, 2023

God granted Shirley, 86, a peaceful passing in the arms of her beloved Jesus at home with her loved ones on June 11, 2023, to be resurrected to life eternal with her Lord and King.

Shirley was born in Quincy, MA, daughter of Carleton Parsons and Josephine Grassa Parsons. She leaves behind her dearly loved children-Christine (Lawrence), Susan, Scott, and James (DeeDee); Siblings-Carolyn (Larry), Deanna (David) and Carl (Diana); Grandchildren-Sarah (Stephen), Michael, Kelsey (Wesley), Jessica (Jordan), Jimmy and Great-grandson, Jackson; Former husband Hal, many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, former in-laws and many others whom she took in as her very own sons and daughters, including Phil Echols who devoted many years of his life to her care.

From the young age of 17, when Shirley received Jesus the Messiah as her Lord and Savior, she lived her life foremostly as a servant in obedience to him, allowing him to use her as his vessel to shine his love and kindness. This is demonstrated again and again by her actions of lovingly welcoming everyone, always caring for anyone in need and her quickness to forgive.

Her warm caring spirit made her employment at the Lodi Unified School District the perfect job for her. Shirley enjoyed aiding the teachers with children who had disabilities and providing friendship to children at risk. She loved and cared for those children very deeply.

Shirley's legacy is how well she loved and served others making them feel so very valued.

An immediate natural burial took place at Penn Forest Burial Park in Verona, PA, where Shirley was laid to rest until the blast of the shofar. (1

Thessalonians 4:13-18)

A gathering in the spirit of thanksgiving to the Almighty God and Creator for the gift he gave us in the life of Shirley will be held Saturday, July 8, 2023 at Century Assembly, 550 W. Century Blvd., Lodi, CA at 3pm. All are welcome to join us as we honor God and Shirley, sharing fond memories of how this loving, godly woman enriched our lives. If you are unable to attend, yet would like to share your memories, please email them to shirleymac1@yahoo.com (This is the RSVP email as well)

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

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Cemetery Details

Penn Forest Natural Burial Park

121 Colorado Street
Verona, PA 15147

Tribute Wall

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“Grandma was always my role model. She was full of creativity and kindness. We did many projects together including making topiaries, corn husk angels with moss hair for the Christmas tree, she even came to my school for thanksgiving and helped make turkeys out of Oreos and candy corn. We would cook and bake together, sew together, I would roll her yarn into a ball for her. We went in her beautiful garden and picked strawberries, plums or tangerines. Sometimes we would just sit on the swing and talk with the sweet smell of wisteria, honeysuckle and roses flowing in the air. She would sing zippity do da every time we saw a blue jay. She also sang I love you a bushel and a peck. She would give me an ornament for my tree every year now my tree is full of memories from her. She always encouraged my love of mermaids and the ocean. She passed a shop in Carmel that had a mermaid and she took a picture and sent it in the mail with a note it reminded her of me. She was always so beautiful inside and out. I designed and sewed my wedding gown after a photo of her. She said it was always Shirley with the pretty dresses and now it's Sarah with the pretty dresses. I could tell she was happy I kept the tradition going. I hope to make her proud and fill the world with creativity and kindness with my job just like she helped all those kids. I loved going to work with her and will always carry that impression of her with me. I hope I can live up to her legacy!

sarah - July 10, 2023 at 05:42 AM

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“ My Dearest Shirley 💜💜💜 My favorite memories of Shirley include working with her at Julia Morgan when I substituted for her teacher for two weeks and having so much fun with the kids and going out to lunch with Shirley; waiting with her for Mike Greathouse to bring her a taco truck big burrito; and watching Prophecy Watchers with JR Church & Gary Stearman. Shirley loved her kids, grandkids, brother, sisters, & Hal so much. I have so many memories of Shirley over the years, but the most special memory of all is the day that Shirley was laying in the front room on her favorite sofa next to Jack on his hospital bed and she cried out my name which she never does and I came running to find Jack taking his last breath. If it were not for Shirley, I would not have been able to be there with my brother during his last moment. I love you so much, Shirley, for all of the things that you did for me; all of the times you were there for me; and all of the things that you taught me. Most importantly, Shirley & Scott taught me the Truth about Jesus & how to have a personal relationship with Him. I truly thought that Shirley and I would be flying up to Heaven together. We will see you soon, Shirl the Whirl.
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Anna Routh - July 06, 2023 at 11:59 AM

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“ Shirley MacLaughlin is my mom. When I was a young boy around 5 or 6 I was talking with my mom in her bedroom about what happens to us when we become real old. I didn't really understand death so she was trying to explain it to me as kind and loving as she could. She let me know that when our bodies can no longer be on this earth, that if we love and accept Jesus into our heart that we would live with him and God in heaven Forever. I asked her if she was going to die before me. She answered hesitantly with oh Jimmy most likely . I was so filled with sorrow and Said , How am I going to live here without you? I don't want you to die. You're going to die before me? I started to cry. I was so upset. She crawled over to the edge of the bed where I was sitting and put her arms around me from behind and said Thats not going to be for a long long time from now. You don't have to think about it anymore. We have so much to live for together right now. We are here together and Jesus is always going to be with us. As she wiped my tears with her hand and gave me a smile and a Peck on the cheek I knew it was gonna be OK. She asked me if I would like a cookie from the cookie jar. Mom You always made everything better, Much better. Mom, Thank you for Always comforting. Always caring. Always being Patient. Always teaching and Leading by example. Always loving.
I'll see you soon mom. I love you.

James MacLaughlin - June 22, 2023 at 06:55 PM

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Love the letter

Christina - June 22, 2023 at 07:36 PM

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James, That is so beautiful. 💕 She loved you so much.

Anna - June 26, 2023 at 01:08 AM