



Shirley A. Kline

July 5, 1941 - December 28, 2011

Shirley A. Kline, 70, of Lincoln Township died after a long illness on Wednesday, December 28, 2011, at her home.

Services celebrating her life will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, January 3, at the Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in St. Joseph with Pastor Skip McCarty and Rev. Robert McGath officiating. Burial will follow in Hickory Bluff Cemetery in Lincoln Township. The family will receive friends and relatives from 5 PM to 8 PM on Monday at the Dey-Florin Chapel. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army or Hospice at Home. Please leave memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net.

Shirley was born on July 5, 1941 in Searcy, AR to Granville and Anna Sliter. She married her husband, Ralph, on June 21, 1959 and he preceded her in death on November 26, 2006. Together they celebrated 47 years of marriage. Shirley retired in 2001 after 30 years of employment from Lakeland Medical Center as the Director of Volunteerism and Chaplaincy. She was a member of the Kiwanis Club and was President of the club in 2002. Shirley enjoyed traveling and music was a big part of her life including playing the piano and singing. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs and enjoyed her bible study. Shirley loved going to the beach, walking along the beach and watching the sunsets. Shirley was a kind, caring and generous person who was adored by her family and all that knew her.

She is survived by her son, Keith Kline of Benton Harbor; her daughters, Kathryn Kline of Roseville, MI., and Kristina (Robert) McGath of San Antonio, TX; her brother, Roger (Jeanette) Sliter of Indianapolis, IN; her grandchildren, Julie Guerra, Robert McGath, Susan Garwood, and T.J. Garren; her great-grandchildren, Briar McGath, Breanna McGath, Marcella Guerra, Zechariah Guerra and Robert A. McGath and a great many friends. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Cemetery Details

Hickory Bluff Cemetery

4312 Cleveland Avenue
Stevensville, MI 49127

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013
2506 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
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Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RM

“ Robert L. McGath sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley A. Kline



Robert L. McGath - January 04, 2012 at 08:44 PM

RL

“ Those of us on this side of eternity lost a dear loved one early Wednesday morning Dec 28th 2011. Many called her friend, her children called her mom and she was known to her grandkids and great grand kids as Grandma Kline. We rejoice that she is no longer suffering in her illness. But we mourn her in our loss as we wonder how to fill the empty place in our lives. I knew her as my wife's mother. She brought great joy into my life for over 32 years. She impressed me most by her strong will to see that her family was well cared for and the love she shared to all that knew her. We now carry that same mission in our hearts as we remember her. Rest in Peace Mom Kline you will be missed.

Robert L. McGath - January 03, 2012 at 05:30 PM

JW

“ My condolences to the Kline family. Shirley worked for me for several years in Administration at Lakeland then managed the Volunteer department. She was always very positive and a delight to grace the presence of our office. She contributed to Lakeland in so many ways. Unfortunately I have been out of town and just saw notice of her passing. She was such a good person and always very proud of her family.

Joseph Wasserman - January 03, 2012 at 11:13 AM

AJ

“ shirley & i graduated from BHHS 1959. i did not know her at that time. however, as the years passed, her daughter, chris, and my nephew, Robert Mc gath, wed. what a coincidence! we have had lunches together, attended the 50th class reunion & got acquainted. what a great person with the "biggest" heart anyone could possibly have had. she will be missed by many & remain in our hearts forever! God Bless, audrey johnson

audrey johnson - January 02, 2012 at 03:27 PM

JW

“ Shirley was a very dear friend and neighbor from years ago on Glenorchard Drive. Unfortunately, our paths have not crossed since our move to Florida, but I remember her as always cheerful and oh, how she loved her family. My sympathy to...Kathy, Kristy and Keith and your families....I know it is difficult to say goodbye to your loving Mother at this time, but your wonderful memories will help sustain you. Back in those days on Glenorchard, your mom and I loved watching our kids playing together...(my three...Robin, Keith (aka Kip), and Gayla.) Lots of fun memories together there.

Janet (Ruff) Wood - January 02, 2012 at 10:19 AM

KS

“ I don't have the vocabulary, my dear cousin to do you justice. Although I could share plenty in regards to memories from our youth forward, one would have to be able to hear my heartsong to catch a glimps of the emotions attached to them and how very deeply we are connected. How can you top having someone think you worthy for whatever reason to name one's child after them? I will never forget you! I will love you forever.

Keith A. Sliter - December 31, 2011 at 05:01 AM