



Shirley Ann Bever

September 15, 1939 - September 6, 2021

Shirley Keese Bever, 81, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, received her final promotion to her eternal home on September 6, 2021 after a lengthy illness. She was born September 15, 1939 in Boynton, Oklahoma to William and Mary (Stetson) Epperson. Shirley was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend. To be loved by Shirley was a blessing in that she loved deeply and loyally. Her most important love was for her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ whom she served for many years. Shirley loved reading her Bible and studying the word of God. She worked to apply those teachings to her life and to share the good news with others. Shirley and Jim faithfully attended Christian Chapel. Being a mother and grandmother meant the world to Shirley. She spoke often of looking forward to heaven where she would be reunited with Courtney, her beloved granddaughter. She enjoyed 27 years of marriage to Jim Bever sharing life and making happy memories through the years. She was a hard worker her whole life working 33 years as an inspector at Brockway Glass. While raising her boys she often worked second jobs to make sure they were taken care of and would grow to be good, strong, hard-working men.

Shirley loved keeping a clean home and manicured yard. She was an excellent cook for all the family holiday gatherings. One of her virtues was being a true friend. Proverbs 17:17 "A friend loveth at all times". For those blessed with her love and friendship life will always be richer and sweeter. She was preceded in death by her parents, William Epperson and Mary

Stetson; granddaughter, Courtney Keese; brothers, Junior Epperson, Jack Epperson; and sisters, Louise Seabolt and Wilma Jean Epperson
Shirley is survived by her husband, James; sons, Jimmy Allen Keese (Tammy), Lorence Edward Keese (Janice); stepdaughter, Kelly Jo Henzel (Ron); grandchildren, Brandie Boulter (Scott) Danielle Keese, Michael Keese (Autumn), Ryan Keese, Stephen Keese (McKinzey), Tanner Drummond; brother, Vernon Carl Epperson (Joyce); eight great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, special daughter-in-law, Roxanne Keese; lifelong best friends, Linda and Gary Sizemore and Mary Gilbert; and sister-in-law, Wilma Smith.

Funeral service celebrating Shirley's life will be 10AM, Saturday, September 11, 2021 at Cornerstone Funeral Home with Pastor Cecil Guthrie officiating. Pallbearers are: Michael Keese, Ryan Keese, Stephen Keese, Brian Epperson, Scott Boulter, Harley Lovelady and Michael Lovelady.

A private family interment will take place at a later date.

I CORINTHIANS 13:4-5 LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND. IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT BOAST. IT IS NOT PROUD. IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS, IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING, IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED, IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS.

Previous Events

Service

SEP **11**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Shirley Ann Bever*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - September 10, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ *Shirley Ann Bever*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Stephanie Keeton lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Bever*



Stephanie Keeton - September 15, 2021 at 12:35 PM

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“ Thank you for streaming the service for Aunt Shirley so we could attend virtually. It was a beautiful service. I always loved Aunt Shirley. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. Whenever we came to visit we would stay at the house with Jim and Shirley. They always made me feel comfortable and welcomed us as part of the family. That doesn't sound like much since we are technically part of the family, but when you're as shy as I was and had lived away all your life it was huge. After learning more about Aunt Shirley through the service I wish we had lived closer so we could have known her even more. I so wish we could have been there to personally offer our condolences, but please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Sandi McKernan and Makenzie

Sandi McKernan - September 11, 2021 at 12:30 PM

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“ Stan & Marla Epperson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Bever



Stan & Marla Epperson - September 11, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Bever.



September 10, 2021 at 07:52 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Bever.*



September 10, 2021 at 06:15 AM



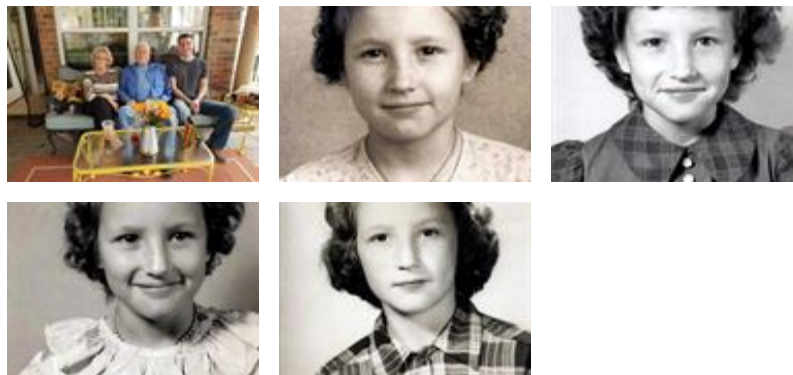
“ *Stacy Dunn lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Bever*



Stacy Dunn - September 09, 2021 at 07:11 PM



“ *60 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - September 09, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Bever.*



September 09, 2021 at 03:36 AM



“ *James Harris lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Bever*



James Harris - September 08, 2021 at 09:43 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Bever.*



September 08, 2021 at 09:26 AM