



## Shirley Helen Sharkey

February 29, 1928 - June 4, 2018

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Shirley passed away peacefully at the age of 90 on Monday, June 4th, 2018 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's and Kidney Disease.

Shirley was born February 29, 1928 in Whitinsville, Massachusetts to Edwin and Elly Erickson. Preceded in death by her sister Doris and brothers Sonny, Carl and Robert, she is survived by daughter Nancy Powell, son-in-law Charles, grandson Daryl and a number of beloved nieces and nephews.

She married her high school sweetheart John (Jack) Sharkey of Uxbridge, Massachusetts, who also preceded her in death.

While living in Uxbridge she spent many fun filled summers on Cape Cod. Upon graduation from high school she worked at the local fabric mill until she moved to St. Petersburg, Florida with her daughter in the late 1950's. She enjoyed life on the beach there, working as a secretary at the Church of the Isles on Indian Rocks Beach for several years.

In 1970 she remarried her true love Jack and returned to Ludlow, Massachusetts where she worked as church secretary and customer service for a local department store. She would often follow Jack on golfing

weekends, enjoying the outdoors while riding along in his golf cart.

Since son in law Charles was serving in the Air Force this provided Shirley with opportunities to travel from Hawaii to Europe. On one special trip, Shirley was able to follow her roots back to Sweden and Finland, meeting many distant relatives in the process.

Shirley was an avid reader who loved to sew and sing in her church choir. After her husband's death she moved to Las Vegas to be near her daughter and family. She made many treasured friends there, before returning to Florida where she became a member of the local Red Hatter's club. While there she took up quilting, making many wall hangings and table toppers.

When she was stricken with Alzheimer's she moved to gulf coast Alabama where she made many friends and spent many happy hours at Affinity Life Care Center. Her beautiful smile continued to shine through her illness and her devotion to the Lord kept her at peace.

Memorial Services will be held in Largo, Florida at a later date.  
Memorial Donations may be made to Affinity Life Care Center at  
[AffinityDayCare.com](http://AffinityDayCare.com)  
or Alzheimer's research.

Arrangements are entrusted to Cason Funeral Service in Foley Alabama

# Tribute Wall

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“ *A beautiful tribute to your mother, Nancy. As our loved ones proceed us in death, it makes Heaven more desirous for us. She was a sweet lady who loved the Lord. To know that she is with God brings comfort and hope. We too will be there as we love Him. My prayers continue for you, Nancy, and Charles and Daryl.*

Norman Earls - June 07, 2018 at 09:08 PM



*Shirley was another special aunt to me and just loved her very much and now she is with the lord who she really loved...prayers to you cousin and my sending my love to you*

Richard Erickson - June 10, 2018 at 08:38 PM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Shirley Helen Sharkey*



June 07, 2018 at 03:55 PM



*Rest in Peace Auntie Shirley... We love you*

June 07, 2018 at 03:58 PM