



Shirley Jean Hudson

August 21, 1937 - October 18, 2024

Shirley Jean Hudson, 87, of Kincheloe, Michigan, died on Friday, October 18, 2024. She was born in Askel, Michigan, on August 21, 1937, to Arvo and Senia (Heikkinen) Hanka.

Shirley spent the first twelve years of her life in Askel, before moving to Detroit, Michigan where she went on to have her three children that she absolutely adored. In 1960, she decided to move her family to the Upper Peninsula where she's been in the Kincheloe area ever since. Shirley was a "Jill of all trades", bartending, property rental management, and woodside cleaning supervisor, before finishing her career at the Social Security Office doing the Court Recordings. She worked there for 30 years before finally retiring.

Shirley was an avid golfer. She loved traveling, painting, and being a socialite. Nothing made her as happy as she was hosting a holiday party or get together. She loved, more than anything, spending time with friends and family. Her kids, grandchildren, and great grandchildren were the light of her life. There wasn't an animal Shirley found that she didn't love, she was always taking in strays.

Shirley is survived by her daughter, Vicki (Chris) Dougherty; son, Timothy (Phyllis) Orr; sister, Nina (Brent) Geskey; grandchildren, Brandy Godfrey, Erik

Nayback, and Dallas Orr; and great-grandchildren, Austin, Macie, Miah, Shelby, and Evan.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband; parents, Arvo and Senia Hanka; son, Glen Orr; friend of the family, James Orr; brothers, George Hanka, Roy Hanka, Gordon Hanka, Edsel Hanka, and Paul Hanka; sisters, Florence Scott, Lorraine Kaskela, and Ruth Downs.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM with the funeral service to follow at 4:00 PM at Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford, 24549 S. M-129, Pickford, Michigan, 49774.

A luncheon is to follow at 5:00 PM at Well Diggers, 3047 M-80, Kinross, Michigan, 49752.

The burial will be at North Rudyard Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

North Rudyard Cemetery (aka Rudyard Township Cemetery)

Rudyard Township c/o Jan Besteman
P.O. Box 277
Rudyard, MI 49780

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774
(906) 647-3400
flfh@familylifefh.com
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Luncheon

OCT **23**. 5:00 PM (ET)

Well Diggers
3047 M-80
Kinross, MI 49752

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. May the memories help during this difficult time.

Joann L Smith - October 24, 2024 at 02:05 PM

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“ I will miss Aunt Shirley. She was a fun traveler who knew all the good stops in the U.P. We shared lots of fun times and laughter with her "silly sisters". She was inviting and always shared her home for travelers. She was kind and very interesting to talk to. Forever hugs. Vickie and Larry

Vickie Fields - October 22, 2024 at 07:57 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Shirley's passing. I've known Shirley for many years. She was a kind hearted woman who loved people. She will be missed by those who knew her. My condolences to her family and friends.

Patti Osterhout - October 22, 2024 at 10:40 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Jean Hudson.



October 21, 2024 at 04:15 PM

DA

“ Dallas purchased the *Basket Full of Wishes* for the family of Shirley Jean Hudson.



Dallas - October 21, 2024 at 02:37 PM

SV

“ Sharon V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Jean Hudson.

Sharon V. - October 21, 2024 at 01:11 PM