



Shirley LeClair

August 2, 1940 - May 28, 2023

Shirley Rae, was born on August 2, 1940 in Alva, Oklahoma. She was the daughter of Margaret Jane (Oliver) and James Ernest Woodard. Shirley passed away peacefully on May 28, 2023 in hospice care at the Attica Long Term Care Center at the age of 82 years, 9 months and 26 days. She was a resident of Sharon, KS.

Shirley grew up on a farm north of Freedom Oklahoma. She graduated from Northwest Oklahoma State University with a teaching degree. Shirley taught at Cimmaron, KS, Medicine Lodge, KS, Monett MO, Stover, MO, and Eldon, MO. Shirley pioneered and created At-Risk programs in the state of Missouri and as a result was awarded Missouri Teacher of Excellence by the state of Missouri. Her teaching career spanned 40 years.

She enjoyed reading, playing cards, family genealogy, and spending time with her family and dog, Sadie.

On August 10, 1963 she married Jerry LeClair. She was preceded in death by her father, James Woodard, her mother Margaret Woodard and her brother Jimmie (Sherrie) Woodard. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Jerry of Sharon, Ks, a daughter, Maria (Bill) Cundiff of Hardtner, Ks, a daughter Michelle (Steve) Eck of Sharon, Ks, a daughter Lisa LeClair of Edmond, OK, a son Jason LeClair of Sharon, KS, sister Marilyn Coulter of Hennessey, Ok, granddaughter Elaine (Garrett) Sharpe of Zephyr Hills, FL, granddaughter Sarah Eck of Wichita, Ks, grandson Caden Christenson of Stillwater, Ok, grandson Cody Moore (Kathryn Baugh) of Hardtner, KS, and grandson Jacob

Eck of Sharon, KS, beloved nieces, nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers family asked that you donate to County Care Hospice at 104 N. Sheen Street, Mount Hope, Kansas or to Wharton Funeral Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Freedom Cemetery

Freedom Cemetery, OK 73842

Previous Events

Graveside

JUN 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

Freedom Cemetery
N2190 RD
Freedom, OK 73842

Officiating: Mark Kinkel (Freedom Christian Church) Family will Meet at the Freedom Methodist Church after Graveside Services

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Wharton Funeral Chapel - May 31, 2023 at 05:57 PM



“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley LeClair*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - May 31, 2023 at 12:03 PM

TB

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you. I met Shirley when I sub for her at Monett, MO. Did not realize that I would eventually become her teacher's assistant for 2 1/2 years with the At Risk program in Monett, MO. Shirley became one of my best friends even took a trip to KS with her once. Love you always Shirley. I feel for the family love you all.*

Theresa Worm Bruce - June 07, 2023 at 10:04 PM

JB

“ *Our sympathy to Shirley's family, you are in our thoughts and prayers.*



Jeff and Rose Burenheide-Baier - June 01, 2023 at 12:19 PM

JW

“ I'm sorry for your loss....my sympathy sent to Shirley's families.



Jeanne Winn - June 01, 2023 at 04:01 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley LeClair.



June 01, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ Jerry and family, My heart goes out to all of you. Shirley was such a sweet and very kind lady! She will live on in your memories, those are so special. I so enjoyed getting to know her when I was working in Sharon, fun memories. Connie Bogner

Connie Bogner - May 31, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley LeClair.



May 31, 2023 at 03:44 PM



“ 129 files added to the album Shirley Memories Album



Wharton Funeral Chapel - May 31, 2023 at 01:53 PM



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



May 31, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Shirley LeClair.



May 31, 2023 at 08:55 AM

PS

“ We were so sorry to hear about Shirley’s passing. She was a wonderful lady.

Mike and Paula Sosnowski



Paula Sosnowski - May 31, 2023 at 08:19 AM

RS

“ Robby Swonger sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley LeClair



Robby Swonger - May 30, 2023 at 11:53 PM

LL

“ Linda And Joe Leibham lit a candle in memory of Shirley LeClair



Linda and Joe Leibham - May 30, 2023 at 08:07 PM

KJ

“ Lisa, after reading about your mom, I see so much of her in you. The deep love for children and education. Your dedication to all that you do. She was a remarkable lady. I know she will be very missed. Much love and God's grace.
Your friend, Kelly Johnson



Kelly Johnson - May 30, 2023 at 07:49 PM



You are precious to me Kelly! Thank you for the kind words.

Lisa LeClair - May 31, 2023 at 03:08 PM