



Shirley Louise Brown

December 31, 1936 - December 21, 2019

Shirley Louise Brown, 82, of Dix, died at her home, on Saturday, December 21, 2019.

She was born December 31, 1936, to Joseph and Norma Bailey, at her Grandma's house in Kings, Illinois, while her mom was at card club. She attended advanced classes at Kings Elementary School, and studied bookkeeping and office skills at Rochelle High School.

Shirley worked at Lazier Seed Company during her senior year, and until she married Floyd Brown on February 16, 1956, and began her career of an Air Force wife. They then began traveling the world, having babies and experiencing the culture of Japan, the Philippines, and Turkey. Shirley thrived in every location, enjoying friends, local events, and her family. The Browns were famous for making pizzas in Japan and Turkey, much to the delight of the service families stationed with them.

Shirley began working outside the home again in Turkey, in the Finance Office. After Floyd retired, they settled in the Dix area, where Shirley worked at Page Insurance and the First State Bank of Dix, for 19 years. After her own retirement, she renewed her love of reading, knitting, and Television. She also enjoyed cooking, embroidery, music, Jeopardy, solitaire, and correspondence. Shirley was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, and was very active in the Sunday School program, WMU, prayer chain captain, and various Bible studies.

Shirley is survived by her husband of 63 years, Floyd Brown of Dix; one

daughter, Sharon Bean and husband Greg of Dix; one son, Timothy Brown and friend Tammy Stoner of Johnsonville; grandchildren, Angie Gorman, Diana Pickett, Daniel Brown, and Josh Brown; eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Roberta Spitz and husband Richard of East Peoria, and Joanne Budde and husband Lance of Urbana; one brother, Homer Bailey and wife Rebecca of Kings, Illinois; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Norma Bailey; one brother, Roger Bailey; and one beloved son, Michael Brown.

A Visitation for Mrs. Brown will be held Monday, December 23, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., at the Osborn Funeral Home in Dix. Following the visitation, and in accordance with her wishes, cremation rites will be accorded, and private burial of her cremains will take place at a later date, at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the St. Jude's Hospital, and will be accepted at the visitation, or by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, PO Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the funeral home's Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Osborn Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

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“ Dan and I have so many fond memories of Shirley, Floyd, Mike, Sharon, and Tim from the early 1970's during the time we spent as their next door neighbors in Karamursel, Turkey. Shirley was the quintessential wife, mother, friend, and neighbor. She always had a smile on her pretty face and kind words from her heart. Oh boy! Those pizzas she made - the best by far!! She and Floyd ran their own delivery service on his motorbike!! Shirley and Floyd also spent many hours in their shed in the back yard printing personalized letterhead, envelopes, and cards of every kind. I remember well the many conversations she and I would have in her dining room or kitchen, often giving me advice from her experiences as the wife of a serviceman living overseas far from the support of family. One of my favorite memories of Shirley was the gift she gave our son Dave on his 2nd birthday - a pair of white training pants with the words in red on the back: "The Devil made me Do it"!! What an amazing sense of humor she had!! Shirley loved life, her family and friends, but above all, she loved The Lord. She was a true and faithful servant and will be missed by all who loved her. Rest in Peace, dear friend!! Jenny and Dan Szatkowski

Jenny Szatkowski - December 22, 2019 at 04:07 PM



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



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“ *I'm going home for Christmas and I'm going home to stay
I'm going home for Christmas and nothing's gonna keep me away
She'll be face to face with Jesus as we celebrate His birth
and this gift will be worth more to her than anything on earth
'Cause she'll be home*

*And as we sing 'Joy to the World', I can't help thinking
of the joy that's shining in her eyes right now
And though our hearts still ache, we know that as we celebrate
She's singing with the herald angels and heaven's glowing on her
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She's home for Christmas, and nothin' could've kept her away
She'll be face to face with Jesus, as we celebrate His birth
And this gift will be worth more to her than anything on earth
She's home, she's home for Christmas*

Sharon Bean - December 21, 2019 at 04:36 PM

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