



## Shirley Ann Bender

April 23, 1939 - September 21, 2021

Shirley Ann Bender, age 82, of Laurie, Missouri, passed away Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City, Missouri.

She was born Shirley Ann Jarvis on April 23, 1939, in Ashland, Kentucky, to Edith and Max Jarvis. She welcomed two sisters, Mary Lee (Maples) Montgomery (deceased) and Linda Sue (Paul) Hower of Fallbrook, California. After graduating from Ashland High School in Kentucky, she attended Central Tech Airline School in Kansas City. She then went to work for Ozark Airlines in Chicago, Illinois.

On June 12, 1958, in Chicago, Illinois, she was united in marriage to Keith Dale Bender. Together they shared sixty-three years of marriage.

Survivors include her husband Keith Dale Bender of the home; two children, Melinda Lee Bender-Thomas of Naples, FL and Keith Charles (Samantha) Bender of Gladstone, MO; grandchildren include, Kyle L. Thomas of Gladstone, MO, Haley M. (Brandon) Carver of Kansas City, MO, Eric Dylan (Cindy) Thomas of Fort Worth, TX, Lauren L. Bender of Gladstone, MO and Miranda N. Thomas of Euless, TX; great-grandchildren include Eli J. Thomas and Asher Thomas of Ft. Worth, TX and June R. Carver of Kansas City, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Cynthia Ann Bender.

Shirley worked for twenty-five years at North Kansas City as an ICU Unit Secretary. She was a Girl Scout leader for several years. The years after her retirement were spent at the Lake of the Ozarks and Laurie, Missouri. She loved traveling, golf, crafts, red hats, church and card games.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

There are no services planned at this time.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Tribute Wall

SL

“ I always enjoyed spending time with Aunt Shirley. Although not my Aunt, Keith & my dad we're more like brothers than cousins. Her laugh was infectious. A lady with class & humor. Favorite memories are spending time at the lake. Shirley will be so missed. Love you❤️

Shawn Lantz-Petersen - September 24, 2021 at 10:18 PM

JH

“ Sympathy to Keith and family. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Jackie Hellmann - September 24, 2021 at 04:51 PM

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“ Fourteen years ago we moved across the street from Shirley and Keith. That was our lucky day. We became friends and shared many times with them. Shirley is now at peace and we will miss her very much. Bless her family as they go through their loss.

Anita Reeder - September 24, 2021 at 03:31 PM

DM

“ I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of her as my Girl Scout leader. She was such and encourager. I especially loved our camping trips. She was the first person to teach me how to make French Toast in that cabin on one of our camp outs. My mom also enjoyed many wonderful visits with her as well. Praying your memories will bring you comfort during this time.

Debbie McMullin - September 23, 2021 at 08:47 PM

SA

“ So sorry to see this. She always had a bright smile and always brightened my day when they came into my glass studio. Will see her again in Heaven! Hugs and love to all.  
Sandy (stained glass studio/store)

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**SandyKJohnsonGlassworks** - September 23, 2021 at 04:14 PM

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“ Our deepest condolences on the loss of Mrs. Bender. We didn't have the opportunity to spend much time with her, but enjoyed what time we did. Sharing a New Year's Eve dinner with her and Mr. Bender is one of our best memories. Our thoughts are with your family. -- Phyllis and Joe Gray

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**Phyllis and Joe Gray** - September 23, 2021 at 03:58 PM