



Shirley Marie (Chamberlain, Bridges) Wilson

May 9, 1935 - March 7, 2024

Shirley Marie (Chamberlain, Bridges) Wilson, 88, of Ottawa, Kansas, passed away Thursday, March 7, 2024, at Rock Creek of Ottawa, Ottawa, Kansas.

Cremation is planned. Visitation is scheduled on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 1:00 pm followed by a Celebration of Life at 2:00 pm at Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles, Missouri. A favorite memory of Shirley is welcome, either written or shared at the celebration of life.

Shirley was born Thursday, May 9, 1935, in Versailles, Missouri, the daughter of James Emery and Gladys (Croy) Chamberlain.

She lived in Gravois Mills, Missouri before moving to Ottawa, Kansas in 2007.

Shirley graduated Versailles High School with the class of 1953.

In 1954, she was united in marriage to William E. Bridges in Versailles, Missouri. He preceded her in death on October 9, 1991. Shirley married Ezra E. "Gene" Wilson on November 3, 1976. He survives of the home.

Shirley worked as an administrative assistant for ten years during the 1960s and 1970s for Versailles High School. She loved that job and being involved with so many kids over the years. She's mentioned many times that those

were the happiest years. She also worked for several years as an administrative assistant in Kansas City until she retired and returned to Gravois Mills, Missouri.

She loved music, dancing, shopping and all things bling. Shirley loved family get-togethers and playing games, but most of all, laughing. Her laugh was contagious. She especially loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Shirley was preceded in death by two sisters, Norma Jean Marriott and Louise Moore.

Survivors include husband Gene; daughters, Debra Heathman and Susan Callaghan (William) all of Ottawa; four grandchildren, William Brett Callaghan (Jessica), Amanda Lea Agado, Sarah Marie Gerleman (Garrett), and Curt Patrick Callaghan (Linley); thirteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

To share your memories of Shirley or to send a special condolence message to her family, please visit www.kidwellgarber.com. Donations to Prairie Paws of Ottawa, Kansas are welcome. Shirley was an animal lover and would be happy to see all animals in a loving home.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Celebration of Life

APR 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KS

“ *My Aunt Shirley was always kind, forever beautiful, and only 16 years older than I was. My childhood and growing up years always included her. Aunt Shirley was even a big part of my High School years, as I was an ‘office girl’ while she was Mr Hayden’s secretary. It was special. I loved and admired her so much. Special love and prayers to Debbie, Susan, and their families.*

Karen Snelling - April 03, 2024 at 11:52 AM

SS

“ *Shirley Sumner lit a candle in memory of Shirley Marie (Chamberlain, Bridges) Wilson*



Shirley Sumner - March 22, 2024 at 07:16 PM

PP

“ *Peggy Porter lit a candle in memory of Shirley Marie (Chamberlain, Bridges) Wilson*



Peggy Porter - March 13, 2024 at 10:41 AM

LR

“ Lynda Raines lit a candle in memory of Shirley Marie (Chamberlain, Bridges) Wilson



Lynda Raines - March 12, 2024 at 01:52 PM

RC

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Shirley. She had one of THOSE personalities. She just made you feel good when you were around her. I love that the obit mentioned that she loved all things bling. That is certainly how I remember her. I regret to say that it has been way too long since I saw her. Life and miles get in the way. My prayers and sincere condolences 🙏

Rita Clark - March 12, 2024 at 12:57 PM

ST

Such a lovely lady was my cousin Shirley. Kindness and respect for others seemed to flow straight from her heart and she was absolutely a joy to spend time with. I am sure she is laughing and visiting with all our loved ones in Heaven. Sweet, beautiful Shirley, you are already missed here.

Sharon Tausch - March 13, 2024 at 01:06 AM

PM

I have so many wonderful memories with Shirley. She was a special lady that always brought a smile to your heart. My condolences to all of her family

Pam Mccoy - April 04, 1024

Pamela Sue McCoy - April 04, 2024 at 11:14 AM