



Shirley Wass McPherson

October 8, 1936 - January 10, 2024

Shirley Wass McPherson, age 87, of Blacksburg passed away Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 at English Meadows. She was born in a small village in England on October 8th, 1936. At 16 years old, she met her future husband, Malcolm J. Mcpherson, and they had 50 glorious years together. In 1981, they moved with their children to California and then later to Virginia in 1991.

Shirley believed that being of service to others is a lifelong commitment. She volunteered for various organizations as well as being a dedicated member of her church, OSLC of Christiansburg, VA. She, along with others, started the Crafty Ladies and enjoyed the fellowship of others as they made and provided crafts to benefit various charities in the NRV. She also volunteered at MCEAP and the Christmas Store for many years. Shirley cherished her family and nothing made her more happy than providing Sunday dinners where family came together to eat and spend time together.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Mary Hannah Wass, her husband, Malcolm J. McPherson, her siblings Ashley, Geoff, Graham, Joan, Audrey and Kathleen and her son in law J. Wayne Garst.

She is survived by her children, Malcolm S. McPherson and Alison D. Garst. Grandchildren, Malcolm J McPherson, Vickie (Matt) Foy, Connor York, Emily (John) Tedesco and Katie (Autumn) Garst; numerous nieces, nephews and

great nieces and nephews. Special niece, Heather McPherson and great great nephew Jacob Pegg along with all of the Garst family that she claimed as her own.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday January 17th at 11am in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Neal Turner officiating. Interment will follow at Memorial Gardens in Blacksburg. The family will receive friends from 4:00-6:00pm Tuesday January 16th at the McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive, Blacksburg.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **16**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JAN **17**. 11:00 AM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall



“ I worked with Shirley in the food department of the Christmas Store. She was a joy to work wit. I admired her precise counting and determination. But, most of all, I remember her wonderful shortbread cookies that she made every year and shared with the volunteers working in the food department. Wishing you peace as you remember a life well lived. Wendy Mellenthin

Wendy Mellenthin - January 24, 2024 at 09:42 PM

HM

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Aunty Shirley spanning over almost 70 yrs, but for me this photo sums up who she was. A wonderful kind, strong lady from humble beginnings who went on to positively influence generations of women in her family. Sorry I can't be with you this evening & tomorrow, but our thoughts & love will be. XxX



Heather McPherson - January 16, 2024 at 08:23 AM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Shirley Wass McPherson.



January 15, 2024 at 04:19 PM

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“ From those mentored by Malcolm at Cal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Wass McPherson.

From those mentored by Malcolm at Cal - January 15, 2024 at 04:19 PM

SF

“ Susan Gibson and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Shirley Wass McPherson.



Susan Gibson and family - January 15, 2024 at 12:30 PM

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Susan Gibson and family - January 15, 2024 at 12:30 PM

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“ What a beautiful soul welcomed into Heaven!

Sharon - January 14, 2024 at 06:00 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Wass McPherson.



January 12, 2024 at 12:07 PM