



Shirley Sarver

July 22, 1937 - January 21, 2025

Shirley Sarver passed away peacefully surrounded by her family Jan. 21, 2025.

Shirley was born July 22, 1937, to Theodore Russell and Lola Perkins Pennington in Mercer County, WV. She was #6 of 10 children.

Shirley graduated from St. Mary's School of Nursing in Huntington, WV in 1958. While there she made many lifelong friends, after they raised their children, the friends began having regular reunions.

Shirley moved to Bluefield, WV where she worked in the hospital and lived with her sister Betty and family. As a nurse in the hospital Shirley cared for many patients, but one patient caught her eye. Shirley and William Sarver were married in May of 1966. Once married she moved to Blacksburg, VA where she became well known in the community.

Shirley and Bill had 2 sons Thomas and James, which were the shining stars in her life. She served as homeroom mother in their classrooms and baked countless cupcakes for bake sales and class parties.

Following the death of her husband Shirley picked up her stethoscope again as Dr. Boatwright's nurse. She worked with him until his retirement and then with Dr. Shepard until his retirement. Shirley finally retired herself at the age of 76.

Shirley will be remembered by many families in the community for the beautiful baby afghans she so lovingly crocheted. She will also be remembered by friends and family every Christmas when they decorate their tree with one of the countless snowflakes or covered glass balls she crocheted. Many will remember her fondly for her baking, she would often show up at your house or place of work with a bag of cookies or banana bread.

Shirley is survived by her sons Thomas Sarver (Katie) and James Sarver (Judy). She is also survived by her greatest treasures her 6 amazing grandchildren Madeline, Allison, Russell, Nate, Jackson, and Elizabeth; two stepchildren, Flora Martin and Robert Sarver; two step-grandchildren, Rebecca and Linda. Shirley is also survived by siblings Vicky French, Bo Pennington, and Richard Pennington.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents Theodore and Lola Pennington, her husband William 'Bill' Sarver and siblings Mildred Lucado, Rene Plymale, Betty Chandler, Janie Havens, Bob Pennington, Butch Pennington, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The Sarver Family would like to thank the caring staff at Commonwealth Assisted Living as well as Nurse Jackie from Medi Home Health and Hospice.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Medi Home Health and Hospice, 141 East Main St. Pulaski, VA 24301

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 2:00 PM in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel, with Jim Krouscas officiating. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2:00 PM before the service.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

2880 N. Franklin Street
Christiansburg, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 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 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



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



January 28, 2025 at 08:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley Sarver.

January 28, 2025 at 08:27 PM



“ *Wade family and Plymale family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Shirley Sarver.*



Wade family and Plymale family - January 28, 2025 at 04:53 PM

LS

“ Jim and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Shirley was a very special lady and great RN. I met Shirley in 1996 when I became the Practice Administrator for Dr. Boatwrights office and the future Carilion Blacksburg Center. I was able to work closely with her for the 18 months prior to the new building opening and during the transition and early years in our new building together. She was always such a great, professional nurse and a pleasure to work with. I've missed her and the practice ever since I moved in 2002. Praying that all her beautiful memories and her legacy bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Regards,
Lisa Shaffer

Lisa Shaffer - January 27, 2025 at 01:35 PM

JM

“ Dear Friend, Your loving family described perfectly the essence of you. You were all those expressed plus a dear friend to me. We have shared memories of 69 years with our being each others support during the good, the bad, and in between, I shall carry on as we had discussed missing you every single day. Love, Judy Coffman McCullough

judy McCullough - January 27, 2025 at 11:28 AM

BB

“ I remember Shirley so well, when I was a little girl going by Doc B's office. She was always warm and caring! Always smiling. Huge heart. Thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Beth Blevins

Beth Blevins - January 26, 2025 at 10:31 PM

PG

“ Jim so very sorry for your loss. She was an incredible woman.



Pat Graves - January 26, 2025 at 01:20 PM

SB

“ Sam Bickley purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Shirley Sarver.



Sam Bickley - January 26, 2025 at 07:05 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley Sarver.

January 24, 2025 at 08:36 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Sarver.



January 24, 2025 at 08:36 PM

CE

“ I had the privilege of being a friend with this beautiful lady, but also the privilege of working with her. Shirley was a very dedicated nurse, who took her role as a nurse very serious. She always made sure that patients treated with compassion and integrity and also her 1st priority. Shirley also loved her sons, Tom, Jim, daughter in-laws Katie, Judy and her grandchildren immensely. When we talked, you could tell the pride she had for each of them . Shirley you will be missed. You have left a beautiful legacy not only as a nurse, but as a friend. May you rest in peace friend. Job well done. Heaven has received another beautiful angel. Prayers for the family during this very difficult time.

Charlotte Epperley - January 24, 2025 at 06:51 PM

HN

“ Shirley was a very caring and compassionate person and made a very dedicated nurse I graduated from St Mary's with her she was an inspiration to others helen noe

Helen Noe - January 24, 2025 at 05:06 PM

HC

“ Shirley was one of a kind when it came to nursing. I will always remember her fondly at Dr Boatwright's office on Church St.

Hilda Compton - January 24, 2025 at 04:09 PM

LL

“ Linda L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Sarver.

Linda L. - January 24, 2025 at 01:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley Sarver.

January 24, 2025 at 01:16 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley Sarver.



January 24, 2025 at 01:16 PM



“ Love the Bausano's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Sarver.

Love the Bausano's - January 24, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“ Love the Bausano's purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Shirley Sarver.



Love the Bausano's - January 24, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Shirley took me under her wing and taught me how to crochet so that I could make baby blankets for my four grandchildren. She patiently worked with me many times and I will miss her.

ellen mathena - January 24, 2025 at 11:25 AM