



Shirley A. Frank

July 10, 1943 - April 24, 2020

Shirley Ann (nee: Stevenson) Frank, age 76, beloved Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt and Friend returned to her eternal home on April 24, 2020 in Dearborn, Michigan, after a hard battle against COVID-19.

Shirley, born July 10, 1943, was the first of five children born to Charles and Alice (nee: Opat) Stevenson of Elma, Iowa. Growing up Shirley helped her mother in the home but felt most connected shadowing the quiet and generous ethic instilled by her father out on the family farm. Shirley attended a local one-room school house for K-8 graders and then graduated from Crestwood High school in 1961. She later attended cosmetology school with her Sister-in-Law and eventually taught the craft in order to help support her family and her husband's college education. Shirley uniquely embodied rugged, rural-life work ethic with a beauty queen gentleness.

Shirley married Omer Frank, also of Elma, Iowa at Lourdes Catholic Church in August 1963.

She traveled with him to numerous colleges (Iowa State University, Central Missouri Teachers College and the University of Salt Lake) as he pursued his higher education before they settled in Warrensburg, Mo to raise their family.

Shirley's entrepreneurial spirit and resourcefulness led her to a long career in the resale of antiques, fabric/sewing supplies, and other oddities. Shirley could always be found at "Those Were the Days" resale shop working her booth. She found great joy in interacting with her friends from the shop and her customers. Shirley's innovative nature and resourcefulness drove her to fix even the most broken purchases back to new. She loved working with her customers, listening to their ideas, and developing a solution. She retired from her business in 2014 but never lost her drive for a good deal or a unique find.

By far, Shirley's greatest source of joy was her family. She was the foundational strength in each of her children's lives, devoting countless hours in support and prayer. Imparting her faith and humble spirit, Shirley taught each of her children to see the beauty in the

broken and the potential in the items long forgotten. Her infectious smile and sense of humor brought light to every situation. Her unique perspective brought clarity to uncertainty. Her generous heart was always willing to help those in need. The legacy of unconditional love and devotion she planted in her children years ago continues to blossom and spread in the lives of her grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her parents Charles and Alice Stevenson and her husband Omer Frank.

Shirley's living legacy includes her children: Scott and Tina Frank of Portland OR, Randy and Holly Frank of Dearborn MI, Steve and Staci Frank of Dearborn MI, and Anne and Robert Bott of Warrensburg MO. She has ten adoring and talented grandchildren that carry her values: Natalie, Sydney, Kaitlyn, Lexi, Charlie, Madelyn, Morgan, Matthew, Jacob and Zachary; four beloved siblings: Kathy and Jack Barloon of Decorah Iowa, Larry and Deanna Stevenson of Decorah Iowa, Mary Ellen and Tom Vachta of Cresco Iowa, and Chuck and Tammy Stevenson of Elma Iowa; additionally, Shirley is loved by many nieces, nephews, and godchildren planted all across the country.

Public services will be scheduled at a later time pending the safe return to public gatherings. The family has established a scholarship to support post-secondary endeavors of the youth in the Warrensburg area. In lieu of flowers, contributions and condolences can be made to the Frank Family Achievement Scholarship % Anne Bott 200 SW 400th Rd Warrensburg, MO 64093.

Rest well dear Mother. Our hearts ache deeply in your absence but we will carry your teachings forward.

Comments



“ A Virtual Service for Shirley will be held on July 10, 2020. Please email sfrank954@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.

Scott - June 07, 2020 at 10:56 PM



“ A very hard working gal and such a beautiful smile, our hearts go out to you!

Russ and Karen Stevenson - May 10, 2020 at 09:51 AM



“ Beautiful tribute to a beautiful person. She was everything stated and more. I have so many fond memories of my dear friend. Heavenly hugs.

Susan Matson - May 09, 2020 at 11:08 AM



“ Susan Matson sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley A. Frank



Susan Matson - May 09, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ Susan Matson lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Frank



Susan Matson - May 09, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ As we are not able to get together to celebrate Mom's life, please add your memories and pictures. We would love to know how Shirley impacted your life!

Steve Frank - May 09, 2020 at 10:31 AM