



Shirley Mae Cleveland-Montgomery

December 24, 1935 - February 14, 2020

Shirley Mae Cleveland (Montgomery) was born on 24 December 1935 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Katherine Cleveland (Herrer) and Odell Cleveland. She gained her wings on 14 February 2020 while residing in McKeesport, PA. She spent her childhood years growing up on Hosier Street in Homestead as well as on the family farm in Homeville with her brothers Odell & Calvin Cleveland. She always talked about her family horse “Harry”. Harry was in charge of farm chores as well as giving the children rides around the farm. She also had a pet pig but learned quickly that pigs are not pets. Thanksgiving that year was a sad affair.

Through the years, she resided in several places Chicago, IL., Homewood, PA, East Liberty, PA, but returned to Homestead, PA. She worked several manufacturing jobs while in Chicago before returning to Homestead to help her brother Calvin run the family-owned bar, “Cleveland Grill”. She enjoyed being a barmaid as it gave her the opportunity to create lasting friendships with people from Homestead and the surrounding communities.

Once the bar closed, she went into the Nursing Field. Her first nursing job was working for her Aunt Susie at her private nursing home in Wilkinsburg, PA. She then moved on to the Jewish Nursing Home where she began her career at the home as a nurse’s aide but transferred to the physical therapy section where she remained until retirement. She created a lifetime bond with the people she worked with due to her nurturing and caring soul. That connection is what made her devote over 20 years to the home.

She had a huge heart. She opened her home to many as she felt “you never turn your back on anyone that God has placed in your path for a season or lifetime”. She loved to visit with anyone and everyone. As grandma, auntie, or Ms. Shirley, she believed she was the rock of the family and her family knew this as well. She never hesitated to provide guidance or help to anyone in need.

Her greatest joy in life was family. She loved what she called “Grandma Duty”. This was her chance to take the kids on a crazy adventurous bus ride to go shopping. There was always a good story from those adventures, “Grandma could go from zero to a hundred quick”. These shopping trips later developed to Dollar Store adventures. Grandma’s purse was always available and happy for these trips. She loved girl time. All the girls would sleep in the room with grandma and have “Girl Talk”.

Her favorite hobbies were reading the Bible, crossword puzzles, watching soap operas, her favorite was Young & Restless, and of course dog sitting her partner in crime Baby Girl.

Shirley leaves to cherish her memory, her brother Calvin Cleveland; children Larry, Terry and Emanuel Cleveland, daughter-in-law, Courtney Cleveland; grandchildren Larry Jr, Joshua, Pooh, Tarikia, LaKeisha, Christopher, Cheyenne, Sydney, Marcus, Malcolm, Joshua, Emanuel Jr., and Gabrielle. She has a large group of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and extended family in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Nebraska.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tunie Funeral Home, Inc.
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Visitation

FEB **22**. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB **22**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Mae Cleveland-Montgomery

January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ Shirley Mae Cleveland-Montgomery

January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ Just finding out about Miss Shirley's passing and very saddened; she was a beautiful woman inside and out and always showed me much love and I appreciated that.



My deepest condolences to her family and especially my main man Germaine "G-Man" Cleveland, Terry, and her granddaughter Pooh.

God bless you Miss Shirley and rest forever in God's eternal presence!!!

Kev Miller - June 22, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ To the Cleveland family: I would like to send my heart felt condolences. Ms Shirley was a loving and caring person. When I was dating her son (Terry) she showed me nothing but LOVE. And I will be forever grateful to her. Gone but never forgotten!!

Phyllis - February 21, 2020 at 04:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae Cleveland-Montgomery.*



February 20, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ *I remember her coming home from work..looking tired telling Terry your friends got to go home..also she use to feed us as well..she was always working..for her family*

James spells - February 19, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ *The 336th Military Intelligence Brigade, JBMDL, NJ purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Shirley Mae Cleveland-Montgomery.*



The 336th Military Intelligence Brigade, JBMDL, NJ -
February 19, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ *MSG Cleveland, we offer our deepest condolences in your time of loss. We know that she had to be a phenomenal person to raise such a strong son that is a mentor, teacher and incredible asset to our organization. Be strong and remember that we never forget the dearly departed. They spirits continue along side our own.*



MSG Hendricks - February 19, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae Cleveland-Montgomery.*



February 19, 2020 at 10:07 AM



“ *Proverbs 31:10. Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.*

Ms. Shirley was and is a giver of love that extends as wide as the sky! Her acts of kindness gave us a glimpse of her heart!

God bless the family, and may her soul dwell in paradise for eternity.

Tina Galloway - February 19, 2020 at 08:28 AM



“ *Ms. Shirley was a very beautiful soul. She treated everyone with love and respect. I'm blessed to have known you. RWG*



Lynda Bursey - February 18, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ *You all have my deepest condolences. Mrs. Shirley was a lovely lady. She will be missed by all. Prayers to the family. Love y'all.*

Renee Sewell Robinson

Renee - February 18, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae Cleveland-Montgomery.* ”



February 18, 2020 at 02:52 PM