



Shirley A Bollhorst

October 27, 1939 - May 1, 2025

Shirley A. Bollhorst, a cherished resident of Centralia, IL, passed away on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at the age of 85. Born in Salem, Illinois on October 27, 1939, to Hap and Mable Wilkins, she brought joy and warmth to all who knew her throughout a life filled with love, family, and creativity.

A devoted homemaker, Shirley dedicated her life to nurturing her family and creating a loving home. Her talents extended beyond caregiving; she was an avid crafter, skilled in crocheting, and had an impressive collection of dolls, with a particular fondness for her "Hayward" doll. Shirley's fondness for Christmas was well-known, but her greatest joy came from the time spent with her beloved grandchildren.

Shirley is survived by her sons, Dewayne Bollhorst and Josh Cook, both residing in Centralia; her daughters, Cindy Cash and husband Steve of Junction City, Donna Kirgan and husband Fred of Salem, Rebecca White and fiancé Herb DeKalb, and Crystal Bollhorst, all of Centralia. Her legacy of love continues through her many grandchildren: Julie, Bobby, Stephen, JaVanna, Jason, Raymond, Cynthia, Andrew, Scott, Charlie, Kiera, Rylan, Tyler, Anna, Angel, Jenna, Tacola, Bray, Gage, Emma, Jayden, Wayne, Kinlee, Donnie, Lorelei, Willy, and Tori, as well as several great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and her precious fur baby Mia.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Donald L. Bollhorst, her parents, Hap Aaron Wilkins and Mabel (Daniels) Wilkins, her son Gregory Bollhorst, her brothers Omer, Johnny, and Dale Wilkins, her sisters Edith Whittaker, Pat Hirsch, and Joyce Lance, and a special son-in-law, J.R. White.

Per Shirley's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded with no public services. To honor her memory, the family encourages those who knew and loved Shirley to remember the warmth and creativity she brought into their lives. Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, is honored to be of service to Shirley's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Funeral Home Facebook page.

Shirley will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Tribute Wall



“ *She was awesome person inside and out love you always and your family* ”

Chwann Jones - May 27, 2025 at 08:18 AM



“ *Shirley u were the sweetest beautiful and most of all a great funny sense of humor.im very blessed to have known u.I love n missing a lot. I promise you I'll always be there for your son and your grandchildren xoxo u will never be forgotten* ”



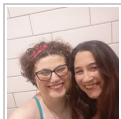
Colleen LeBeau - May 08, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ *I have a lifetime of memories with my granny. Her last days I spent with her is the most precious to me. I love you grandma. Always and forever* ”



Javanna soles - May 06, 2025 at 08:09 AM



Thank u Javanna thank u for being there for ur grandma during this time. U rock girl

Colleen LeBeau - May 08, 2025 at 03:51 PM

RW

“ I have way to many memories to put just one down but I will say this she was a hard worker with caring heart she made so many dresses for my daughter when she was little I have so many balloons she made for me she used to love going to auctions with me an we both collected dolls there's just way to much as there should be with a daughter an mother but I guess what I'll remember the most is how she taught me to love an care for my family an I do that so mom till we meet again love an will miss your presence

Rebecca white - May 06, 2025 at 08:05 AM



“ There's too many great memories with grandma ,I'd be writing forever. I will always remember her love for Christmas and having my aunts and uncles add more lights to the tree and ornaments until there wasnt a empty spot anywhere. She would also have them re-do the whole thing if it wasnt up to her standards. LOL I definitely take after her on that. If we could have it our way, Christmas decor would stay up all year around. Love you forever! love Cynthia "Dawn"

Lynda White - May 05, 2025 at 08:20 PM

JD

Rest in peace Shirley. I cannot express how much I thought of you, Donald, and your entire family.

Jim Duff - May 05, 2025 at 09:48 PM

DJ

Rest easy Aunt Shirley ill forever remember when I was getting ready for school and was running behind lol and you told me to get in the ball and I replied as serious as I could what ball.. Imao I found out what ball let me tell ya.. I love you dearly .

Deanna Johnson - May 06, 2025 at 06:55 AM

JS

Smash ball lol 🎮

Javanna soles - May 06, 2025 at 08:12 AM

NO

Shirley will hold a special place in my heart forever. I'll never forget her kindness....

Nova - May 06, 2025 at 09:16 PM