



Shirley Anne Eason

July 7, 1931 - February 27, 2019

Shirley Ann Eason entered eternal life on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at Seton Medical Center in Round Rock, Texas after a sudden illness. Her spirit is carried on by her four children and in-laws, loving brother and her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Shirley was born on July 7, 1931 in Clearwater Florida in Pinellas County to the late Roy and Catherine Watts and was the oldest of two children. Shirley's family members and everyone that crossed her life were blessed to be part of her life during her 87 years of life.

Shirley was raised in Lubbock, Texas and was a 1949 graduate of Lubbock High School and earned a Bachelor of Business degree from Texas Tech University in 1953. She served a lifetime of over 40 years in public service working as a Federal civil service employee. She was the first female to hold a managerial position managing the lodging facilities for military personnel and their families at Reese Air Force Base. In 1979 when the Crown Prince of Iran began his military flight training at Reese AFB, Shirley played an instrumental role in providing a secure residence in the South Plains while the Crown Prince was in flight training. During Shirley's career, she won numerous awards for outstanding service and received numerous commendations.

Shirley was a woman of strong faith, believing in the power and strength of Jesus Christ's love and the beauty and peace that would await her in Heaven. As a devoted Catholic alongside her late Husband James Eason, she

believed in the power of prayer and the fellowship of her community at Holy Spirit Catholic Church which brought so much joy to her life. Above all, Shirley was unconditionally devoted to her children and grandchildren and always supported, respected and loved them beyond measure. Shirley had a true servant's heart dedicating her time and generosity to the church and charity organizations. Anyone who knew Shirley experienced a friendship full of compassion, thoughtfulness and generosity.

Shirley is survived by her children from her marriage to Gary Van Cleave; Son Sammie Van Cleave of Chicago, Illinois; Son Sandy Van Cleave and wife Deanna of Austin, Texas; Daughter Candie Nichols and Husband Craig of Burleson, Texas; Daughter Tammie Swaner and Husband Kevin of Round Rock, Texas; and she is survived by her Brother Roland Watts and wife Judy of Dayton, Ohio; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Shirley is preceded in death by her Father and Mother Roy and Catherine Watts and her Husband James Eason.

Visitation will be on Monday, March 4, 2019 at Sanders Funeral Home at 1420 Main Street, Lubbock Texas starting at 5:00 PM followed by a Rosary in Sanders Memorial Chapel at 7:00 PM. The funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Holy Spirit Catholic Church at 9120 Frankford Avenue, Lubbock, Texas followed by burial at the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street
Lubbock, TX 79404

Previous Events

Rosary

MAR 4. 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Mass

MAR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
9821 Frankford Avenue
Lubbock, TX 79424

Tribute Wall



“ 72 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sanders Funeral Home - March 04, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shirley Anne Eason.*



March 04, 2019 at 12:58 PM



“ *Pat Swaner purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Shirley Anne Eason.*



Pat Swaner - March 04, 2019 at 09:43 AM

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“ To Tammie and all of the family, You were so blessed to have a mother like Shirley, and the blessings will remain with you forever. She was a kind, gentle, sweet lady and I knew from visiting with her that she belonged to Jesus. She and I talked often by phone before she moved to Round Rock and she would always remind me that she was praying for me. I am so glad she got to spend the last couple of years close to her family and I know you enjoyed being with her. She is now enjoying the wonders of Heaven and rejoicing with her loved ones that went before. I am praying for you all, and I know that God is comforting you at this time. I rejoice that her grandchildren Tasha, Brandon, and Candace are also my grandchildren. All my love to all the family, Pat Swaner

Pat Swaner - March 02, 2019 at 03:31 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Anne Eason.



March 01, 2019 at 04:28 PM

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“ My grandmother was so very loved. She was my go to about anything and everything and she would never judge. I could call her about anything. I can remember all the times she would lecture me on making sure I would put sunscreen on so I wouldn't burn. She would say now Tasha, us redheads burn and you don't want skin cancer. I would always say I know meme, i know. I remember I got upset one time and tried to run away. I packed my red suitcase that said "going to grandmas" on it, left and sat in the alley way. I was gone maybe 5 minutes and I came back crying. She just laughed and gave me a cup of milk. She always pushed milk on all of us. Said it was good for our bones. Something else... She loved Dillard's. She would sent us a gift card every year for birthdays or Christmas. I always loved looking for that Dillard's package in the mail. Always shopping there. She always said when she had a headache she would walk into to Dillard's and it would go away. She called it Dr. Dillard's. Her laugh was one of a kind. Could be heard from anywhere in the house. Her and mom would always bake up a storm for the holidays. Her fudge was amazing. Always made her fudge. She just loved being with family and all of us together and getting along. We were her bear family. All of us. She called me Tasha bear. I will never forget. I will cherish and remember our phone conversations. Wanted nothing but all of us to get along. I miss her so much. It will not be the same without her. I love you meme and you will be forever missed. Love, Tasha



LaTasha Swaner - March 01, 2019 at 04:00 PM