



Shirley Ann Winnecke

February 10, 1935 - July 9, 2015

Shirley Ann Winnecke passed away Thursday, July 9 at Charlier Hospice Center. She was 80. Shirley was born in Equality, Ill., to Genevieve Dempsey Fink and Lloyd Fink, farmers who descended from Irish and German immigrants.

Shirley died after a battle with cancer. She was sustained through the struggle by her friends, extraordinary neighbors, family and church community, and also by her own enduring spirit and spark.

Shirley adored birds, traveling, quilting and flowers, especially irises and roses. And she so loved a good glass of iced tea. She was driven by a desire to help others through volunteer work and donations. She read to children at Culver Elementary School and helped out at the Little Lambs organization. Shirley's interest in politics came late, in 2000 when her son Lloyd, now mayor of Evansville, ran for County Council. Then she began campaigning with the relish of a proud mother and joined Vanderburgh County Federated Republican Women. Shirley always supported her children and their interests.

After graduating from Equality Township High School, Shirley attended Southern Illinois University. She moved to Evansville in 1957 to work as a laboratory technician at Mead Johnson & Co. It was then that she was introduced to a co-worker who shared her birthday. Ralph Albert Winnecke

became her devoted husband for 55 ½ years, and February 10 took on special meaning for both each year.

Shirley later worked as a plating specialist at Faultless Caster Division of Axia Inc., where she cultivated meaningful lifelong friendships. And through membership in Epsilon Sigma Alpha, the service sorority, Shirley met women with whom she would laugh and lunch for many years.

Shirley was a devout Christian her entire life. Dedicated to First Presbyterian Church, she was a deacon, elder and Sunday school teacher as well as a leader of Presbyterian Women's Organization.

In addition to her husband Ralph, she is survived by three children, Lloyd Winnecke (Carol McClintock), Joycelyn Winnecke of Chicago, and Lisa Winnecke of Denver, Colo.; sisters, Daisy Drone (Thomas) of Montgomery, Ala., and Barbara Mondy of Rocky Branch, Ill.; grandchildren, Danielle Feagley (Stephen) of Tucson, Ariz., Grace Adee of Chicago; and Anna Rose Winnecke of Denver; great-grandsons, Holden and Oliver Feagley of Tucson; and many nieces and nephews.

In celebration of Shirley's life, visitation will be 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin St. Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 13, 2015 at First Presbyterian Church, 609 SE Second St., with visitation preceding at 9:30. Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church or YWCA Evansville, 118 Vine St.

Her family gratefully acknowledges, in particular, the assistance and support of Dr. Tony Stephens and his team at Oncology Hematology Associates; Dr. Mike Myers and his colleagues; Laverne Jones of Deaconess Visiting Nurses Association; and the expert and kind staff at Charlier Hospice Center.

Cemetery Details

Park Lawn Cemetery

1526 S. Green River Road
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **12**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN 47712
(812) 423-6471
info@pierrefuneralhome.com
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

funeral

JUL **13**. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
609 S E Second Street
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Ann Winnecke*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Dear Joyce,*

You are in my thoughts during this sad time. Everyone who knows you is grateful to your dear mother for inspiring you to be the wonderful person you are.

*Warm regards,
Elaine Maimon*

Elaine P. Maimon - July 16, 2015 at 09:35 AM



“ *Dearest Joyce,*

We are so saddened to hear of your loss and I just wanted you to know we're thinking of you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Love you and am sending a spiritual hug to you and yours.

I am here for you and anything you need.

Candace and Chuck

Candace Jordan - July 14, 2015 at 12:06 PM



“ *Ralph, I am so sorry to about Shirley. Am out of town. We will keep you and family in our prayers.*

Bob McIntosh - July 13, 2015 at 04:35 PM

CC

“ *Carrie, Chris, and Mei-Lin Chin purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Shirley Ann Winnecke.*



Carrie, Chris, and Mei-Lin Chin - July 13, 2015 at 10:11 AM

CC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in your time of loss! Shirley was a ball of fire, and will sorely be missed.*

We are thinking of you.

~Chris, Carrie, and Mei-Lin Chin

Carrie Chin - July 13, 2015 at 09:07 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Winnecke.*



July 12, 2015 at 04:31 PM

WP

“ Dear Winnecke Family,

I am out of town so am grateful for this opportunity to share my condolences over the passing of your Wife and Mother. During my many years at First Pres I never saw Shirly without a warm smile on her face and a keen, interested look in her eye. She will be missed by many but by no one as much as all of you.

*Best Regards,
Ward Peyronnin*

ward peyronnin - July 12, 2015 at 07:01 AM

LT

“ Mr. Winnecke, Lloyd, Joycelyn and Lisa, I was so sorry to hear of your wife/mother's passing. I thought so much of her and your family. She was always so welcoming and patiently put up with our high school antics. Shirley was a lovely person who was so proud of each of you. I won't be able to attend the funeral but please know that I'm thinking of you all.

Leah Conder Taylor

Leah Taylor - July 11, 2015 at 05:31 PM

DG

“ We were very sorry to hear of the Mayor's mother's passing, and pray you are comforted by family and friends, and especially the promises of our Lord at this time. You have our deepest sympathy,
Tom and Debbie Gabe

Deborah Gabe - July 11, 2015 at 04:24 PM

SM

“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy for your loss. Shirley was a warm and caring friend to our mother and the rest of the ladies on the Court.
Sincerely, Kate McCluskey and family

Sandy McCluskey - July 11, 2015 at 02:24 PM



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



July 10, 2015 at 08:04 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Winnecke.



July 10, 2015 at 07:07 PM

MA

“ Mary Jane and Bill Adee purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shirley Ann Winnecke.



Mary Jane and Bill Adee - July 10, 2015 at 06:39 PM

BM

“ Our most sincere sympathy in the loss of Shirley. She was a very special lady and we enjoyed seeing her at Daisy's when she and Ralph would come down to Montgomery, Alabama and stay a few days every summer. Keep on keeping the love and closeness you all have in your family. Sincerely, Betty & Cecil McCall



Betty McCall - July 10, 2015 at 05:58 PM

MA

“ Dear Winneckes,
We still remember the lovely festive times we shared with Shirley and Ralph when they came to Chicago and our shared devotion to our wonderful granddaughter Grace.
We are so sorry for your loss.
Fondly,
Mary Jane and Bill

Mary Jane and Bill Adee - July 10, 2015 at 05:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Winnecke.



July 10, 2015 at 05:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Winnecke.



July 10, 2015 at 04:55 PM