



Shirley Ann Matthews

July 18, 1929 - April 19, 2020

On Sunday, April 19, 2020, Shirley Ann Matthews (nee Frank), loving wife, mother of four children, grandmother of 11 and great grandmother of two, passed away at the Sanctuary at Bellbrook in Rochester Hills, Michigan. She was 90 years old.

Shirley was born on July 18, 1929 in Cincinnati, Ohio, and raised in Glo, Kentucky. In 1945, her family moved to East Detroit, Michigan where she met Dan Matthews who would become the love of her life and husband of 68 years.

Long-time residents of Shelby Township, Michigan, Shirley and Dan raised their family there and Shirley was a dedicated mother first and foremost. She treasured her children and embraced every moment with them. She especially loved her role as “Grams.”

Shirley and Dan loved to travel and were fortunate enough to visit a total of 30 countries across the globe.

Shirley had a passion for music and was a proud member of the Sweet Adelines Chorus Great Lakes Chapter for 22 years. Sharing and promoting the love of four-part harmony through performances, shows and competitions, the Chorus took her on trips across the globe and one very memorable performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

She was known for her kind and compassionate spirit, her love of God, a wicked-good apple pie and her life-long search for the perfect hairdo.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents Mabel and Peter Frank and her brother Paul. She will be dearly missed by her husband Dan Kurt Matthews and her four children: Julie (Leon Martin), Stephen (Carol Caballaro), Michael (Tamara Welty), and Dan (Carol VanDyke); her grandchildren: Leo, Ross (Nina Stanziale), Alexandria, Jacob, Danny, Paris, Paige, Sydney, Alexander, Joshua and Nicholas, and great grandsons Sawyer and Pierce. She is also survived by her sisters Marlene Lowes, Christine Poole, Veronica Thomas, and her brother Peter Frank (Marilyn Kaselitz) and many nieces and nephews.

All of whom she loved and touched deeply.

Due to the current Corona crisis restrictions, a service is not planned at this time. When it's determined we can all gather together again, a 'Celebration of Life' will be held.

Donations can be made to Hospice of Michigan hom.org or the Alzheimer's Association act.alz.org.

Tribute Wall

RC

“ Dear Matthews Family,

Patrick and I send our deepest sympathies for your loss. What a wonderful and special lady Shirley was. Always classy, funny, loving and strong in her faith. She made me feel like a part of your family so many times. Through the tears, may there always be happy memories to cherish. Keeping all of you in our prayers for comfort, peace and strength.

Love,

Robin Chandler



Robin Chandler - April 23, 2020 at 11:45 PM

JM



Julie Martin - April 26, 2020 at 08:39 PM

PF

“ Around 1950 /51, Dan was stationed in California. After they married, Shirley joined him there. Even at the age of 10, I thought they were a beautiful couple, esp. my sister. Paul, our brother was about 4 or 5 years old, thought that all of California was Hollywood and anyone that moved there would be a movie star. And so, his sister was a movie star as she was beautiful and talented and that is where you would go to be famous. I always thought she would have made an excellent star. She is special and I will always miss her. We send our love and comfort you all the Matthews family. She is now your angel who will watch over you. Peter Frank and family

peter frank - April 23, 2020 at 12:12 PM



Meschia Cooper-Hesse - April 24, 2020 at 08:10 PM

JM

Thanks Uncle Pete. What a beautiful story.

Julie Martin - April 26, 2020 at 08:38 PM

BP

“ Julie & Family - I have such fond memories of Shirley and her loving ways. Spending time at your home on Donnybrook, swimming in your pool and doing a few things your mom would not have approved of:). She was always happy and cheerful! A beautiful women on the inside and out! Just remember she will live on in your hearts! Thinking of you all, sending lots of love and prayers!

Belinda Peters - April 23, 2020 at 09:49 AM

JM



Julie Martin - April 26, 2020 at 08:39 PM

MI

“ Shirley was a wonderful lady. I am grateful to have had the chance to sing with her and Great Lakes.

Mindy - April 22, 2020 at 05:30 PM

TM

“ Mike/Tammy/Matthews Family,

Wishing you peace and love.

Tim and Heather Maurer

Timothy J Maurer - April 22, 2020 at 01:07 PM

MV

“ Mike, Tammy and all,
I am so sorry to read this. My prayers are with all of you. Please let me know if I can do anything to help in any way. Again, I am so sorry.
Mary Beth

Mary Beth VanBuskirk - April 21, 2020 at 03:11 PM