



## Janice Lee Shirer

February 18, 1942 - January 29, 2024

Janice Garmong Shirer, age 81 of Cedar Lake, went to meet her family and friends in heaven on January 29, 2024. She was born on February 18, 1942, to Richard and Maxine Garmong. In 1960 she married her high school sweetheart, Robert Lee Shirer, and in July of 2023, they celebrated 63 years of marriage. Together they raised two sons: Troy (Mari) and Bradley (Aimee). They celebrated six grandchildren (Brooke (Michael), Zachary, Natalie, Nicholas, Justin and Evan) and three great grandchildren (Alexa, Eva and Harper). Jan loved to support her children and grandchildren in their relationships, sports, activities and hobbies. She could be found on the sidelines of sporting events, or in the audience at military ceremonies, orchestra concerts or theater performances.

In addition to being a supportive mother and grandmother, Jan also earned her bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's College (in the first female graduating class) and Masters of Education from Purdue University. She taught Elementary school for 30 years and had tremendous influence on the school children of Morocco, IN. She was no pushover, but still deeply loved by hundreds of students.

Jan loved her friendships (life-long and steeped in fun). She loved to travel (with friends and family....in July she, Lee, their children and grandchildren took a cruise to celebrate their 63rd Anniversary). She loved to watch a good movie (especially if there was popcorn involved). She loved to shop, and anyone who knew her would agree that she was one of the classiest and most

fashionable ladies you would ever see (especially in her sparkly hats). More than these things, Jan LOVED the beach. Being near the ocean was one of her favorite places.

She is survived by her loving husband and beautiful family, as well as her brother, Rick (late Gloria) Garmong and sister-in-law Linda (Ralph) Lindgren. She is also lovingly remembered by numerous nieces and nephews and many life-long and treasured friends from the Morocco, Ft. Myers and Cedar Lake areas. She was preceded in death by her parents and her in-laws (Robert and Ruth Ann Shirer).

Jan was little in stature, but feisty and fun in everything she did. From being a high school cheerleader to the coolest Grandma anyone ever met, she enjoyed her life and always brought the fun. In lieu of flowers, family encourages donations to Morocco Elementary PTO via DeMotte State Bank, PO Box 540, Morocco IN 47963. Please do so in honor of Janice. Friends and family are invited to visit with the family on Friday, February 2, 2024 at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point from 3 – 7 p.m. Between 5-5:30 we will have time to share memories of Jan. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

FEB 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point

10101 Broadway

Crown Point, IN 46307

(219) 769-0044

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# Tribute Wall

LA

“ Linda A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Lee Shirer.

Linda A. - February 10, 2024 at 01:03 PM

SS

“ Steve Lindlow & Jennifer Sapyta planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Lee Shirer.

Steve Lindlow & Jennifer Sapyta - February 02, 2024 at 10:54 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Janice Lee Shirer.



February 02, 2024 at 10:54 AM

RM

“ Robert M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Lee Shirer.

Robert M. - February 02, 2024 at 10:54 AM

RM

“ Robert M. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Janice Lee Shirer.



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Robert M. - February 02, 2024 at 10:54 AM

QF

“ QUINTEL, INC. FAMILY- purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Janice Lee Shirer.



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QUINTEL, INC. FAMILY- - February 02, 2024 at 08:53 AM

MA

“ Margaret purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Janice Lee Shirer.



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Margaret - February 02, 2024 at 04:49 AM

SF

“ Shawn and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Lee Shirer.

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Shawn and Family - February 01, 2024 at 08:47 PM

SF

“ *Shawn and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Janice Lee Shirer.*



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**Shawn and Family** - February 01, 2024 at 08:47 PM

MA

“ *Janice was one of our favorite customers. Her smile was infectious and we feel as though we know her children and grandchildren as she spoke of them often with great love. She will be missed. Her friends Charlie & Marilyn from Cedar Lake Florist & Gifts.*

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**Marilyn** - February 01, 2024 at 03:43 PM

SB

“ *Steven B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Lee Shirer.*

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**Steven B.** - February 01, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Janice Lee Shirer.*



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February 01, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Janice Lee Shirer.*



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January 31, 2024 at 05:55 PM



“ *Judy Parks (Potts) lit a candle in memory of Janice Lee Shirer*



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**Judy Parks (Potts)** - January 31, 2024 at 05:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janice Lee Shirer.*



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January 31, 2024 at 04:46 PM



“ *Chris and Angie Previs. purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Janice Lee Shirer.*



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**Chris and Angie Previs.** - January 31, 2024 at 03:06 PM

ST

“ Susan Tolleson lit a candle in memory of Janice Lee Shirer



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**Susan Tolleson** - January 31, 2024 at 01:27 PM

KK

“ Kim (LaCosse) Krause purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Janice Lee Shirer.



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**Kim (LaCosse) Krause** - January 31, 2024 at 12:34 PM

EP

“ Condolences to the Shirer/Garmong families from the Primes. We always enjoyed our times with Janice (and Lee-they always came as a duo). We got to spend time with her at restaurants, backyard cookouts and plenty of soccer games. She was always outspoken and feisty (“mine’s dry”) but in an endearing way. And it was clear that she loved and cherished her family and friends. She will be missed greatly. But take comfort in the fact that she leaves an enduring legacy as an educator, daughter, wife, mother and grandmother.

*Eric and Karla Prime and family.*

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**Eric Prime** - January 31, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Janice Lee Shirer*.



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January 31, 2024 at 11:40 AM