



Shirley Mae (nee Justice) Abbott

November 27, 1934 - July 13, 2025

Shirley Mae Justice Abbott, 90, of Hobart, Indiana went home to be with her Lord and Savior peacefully in her sleep on July 13, 2025. She was born on November 27, 1934 in Crisfield, Maryland to Melba Justice Brittingham.

Shirley worked for Seaford School district in Seaford, Delaware. She started out her career of 22 years with the school cafeteria when her youngest son started school. Although her job was difficult it allowed her to be home with her children on holidays, weekends, and summers.

Shirley was known to be a wonderful hostess and was always entertaining and cooking for almost anyone she could welcome into her home. Along with her husband Sam, they would cook mouthwatering eastern shore meals to feed what seemed like hundreds, although maybe only 10 were coming over. Most dear to Shirley's heart was her love and relationship with Jesus Christ. She taught the Adult Sunday School class for many years at the Bridgeville, Delaware Church of God and was a very gifted teacher. She would spend hours studying and praying over each weeks lesson. Also as an intercessory prayer warrior, she spent many mornings and nights calling out names in prayer. If she knew you were sick or had a need she was calling out your name. Even though many never knew it.

She was truly the Virtuous Woman in Proverbs 31.

“Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her.” Vs 28

She is survived by her loving husband of 74 years, Samuel M. Abbott; children- Debi Thompson, daughter in-law Judy, Barry (Connie) Abbott, Fred

(Vicki) Abbott, Jeff (Missy) Abbott, and her step brother, Pal Brittingham. Also surviving are many grandchildren, great grandchildren, great- great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Shirley was preceded in death by her mother- Melba Justice Brittingham, stepfather- John Brittingham, and a son- Rev. Samuel M. Abbott Jr. Also, five step brothers, Jack, Charles, Donald, Bobby, and Miles Brittingham

Memorial Visitation and Condolences will be held on Monday, July 21, 2025 from 1PM-2PM at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th Street Hobart, Indiana 46342. Memorial Service will be at 2PM with Rev. William A. Reid officiating.
www.Burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL **21**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae (nee Justice) Abbott.*



July 19, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ *Stephanie Fullerton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Mae (nee Justice) Abbott.*

Stephanie Fullerton - July 18, 2025 at 05:54 PM



“ *Stephanie Fullerton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Shirley Mae (nee Justice) Abbott.*



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“ *Mike / Bonnie Shelton & Margaret Shelton purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Shirley Mae (nee Justice) Abbott.*



Mike / Bonnie Shelton & Margaret Shelton - July 18, 2025 at 01:00 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae (nee Justice) Abbott.



July 16, 2025 at 06:01 PM



“ *Peace Eternal Wreath* was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae (nee Justice) Abbott.



July 16, 2025 at 05:42 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Judy and Melvin*



Judy Abbott - July 16, 2025 at 11:14 AM



“ *Judy Abbott* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Mae (nee Justice) Abbott.

Judy Abbott - July 16, 2025 at 10:40 AM

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“ Judy Abbott purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Shirley Mae (nee Justice) Abbott.



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“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae (nee Justice) Abbott.



July 15, 2025 at 05:55 PM

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“ The Harbins & The Crossing purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shirley Mae (nee Justice) Abbott.



The Harbins & The Crossing - July 14, 2025 at 03:54 PM