



R. Shirley (Cortese) Masi

November 20, 1934 - April 15, 2020

R. Shirley (Cortese) Masi, age 85, of North Versailles, PA, went to be with her Lord and Savior after a short battle with cancer. She died at home, surrounded by loving family on Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

Born and raised in Braddock, she married the late Thomas Masi. They raised their family in North Versailles, where she was an active member of the community for nearly six decades. She was a devoted member of St. Robert Bellarmine Church (now Mary, Mother of God Parish) in East McKeesport for 59 years; she was a lunch lady volunteer at her children's grade school; she was an enthusiastic volunteer to get meals to her food-insecure neighbors through both Meals on Wheels and most recently Ma's Pantry; she joined and was affiliated with several groups, including Christian Mothers, the Wilmerding YMCA, Suddenly Single, and the East Allegheny chapter of AARP. Her many communities made for many long and cherished friendships.

Shirley wore many hats: Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Sister, Cousin, Friend, Volunteer, and Neighbor. She loved her family and most especially "her boys:" the three grandsons who gave her so much joy. Always with a sense of humor, a smile on her face, and a pleasant disposition, Shirley loved being out in the community and out in the world. She enjoyed many bus trips to Wildwood, NJ, with friends and travel companions. She relished cooking for her family, in which she especially showcased her Italian heritage.

Shirley was loved and held dear by many: her late parents Joseph and Clara (Molinaro) Cortese; her late husband Thomas; her late daughter Karen (Masi) Roebuck Schlanger and her late husband Joseph Roebuck, and their children Nicholas, Alexander, and Zachary Roebuck; her son-in-law James Schlanger; her son James and his partner Pat Holcomb; her brother Minotto Cortese; her brother Peter Cortese and his wife Donna; her brother-in-law Frank Matts; her beloved aunt and travel companion Ida Haupt; and treasured aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Because of current health advisories, a private service will be held for immediate family members at Forgie Snyder Funeral Home, 1032 Broadway, East McKeesport, 412-823-8083. Shirley will be interred beside her late husband Thomas at Penn Lincoln Memorial Park in Irwin.

In lieu of flowers, Shirley has requested you make a donation in her name to Ma's Pantry, P.O. Box 1, East McKeesport, PA 15035.

For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery Details

Penn Lincoln Memorial Park

14679 U.S. 30
North Huntingdon, PA 15642

Tribute Wall



“ R. Shirley (Cortese) Masi

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ R. Shirley (Cortese) Masi

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ Jim, I am sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a wonderful lady. I have so many great memories of going over to your parent's house when we were kids for picnics, holidays or just stopping by with my Dad to see Uncle Tom's garden. Aunt Shirley always had a big smile on her face and that is what I remember most about her. She will be missed.



Cousin, Linda

Linda LaMarca - April 28, 2020 at 02:36 PM



“ Toni V. lit a candle in memory of R. Shirley (Cortese) Masi



Toni V. - April 17, 2020 at 08:00 PM

MH

“ Nick, Alex and Zac, I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your grandma. I'll be keeping all of you in my prayers.

Marcy Humphrey - April 17, 2020 at 05:12 PM

LM

“ Nicholas. Alexander, and Zachary, your grandmother was a lovely woman, kind and caring, and she molded your mother to be the same. I am so very sorry for your loss. May your memories keep both of those wonderful women close to you each day.
Lisa Messineo

Lisa Messineo - April 17, 2020 at 10:03 AM

MC

“ Remembering Mrs Masi from St Robert's. I also grew up with her children. Such a special woman. May she Rest In Peace.

Maryann Zawada Ciaston - April 17, 2020 at 10:01 AM

KW

“ What a lovely lady! I knew Shirley from St. Robert's Church in East McKeesport. I knew Karen also and her boys . Lovely family, Shirley rest in peace!

Love, Karen

Karen Wakefield - April 17, 2020 at 08:36 AM

PS

“ So many memories! You are in my thoughts and prayers. Hugs to all! Love Penny

penny smith - April 16, 2020 at 09:00 PM