



Vernon W. Shirley

September 3, 1931 - February 23, 2019

Vernon W. Shirley, age 87 of Mattoon, IL passed away Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 4:12 P.M. at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

A funeral service in his honor will be held at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938; Revered Kim Froese Arthur will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow in Dodge Grove Cemetery. A visitation will be held two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Vernon was born on September 3, 1931 to the late Clarence E. and Flossie F. (Pilcher) Shirley in Edgewood, IL. He is survived by his loving partner, Louise Johnston of Mattoon, IL; three children, Steven W. Shirley of Windsor, IL, Kevin J. Shirley and wife Debbie of Sullivan, IL, Sheree J. Stone of Mattoon, IL; three step-children, Max W. Honn and wife Sherry of Mt. Vernon, IL, Daila S. Poynter and husband Tony of Tuscola, IL, and Laurie Gordon of Charleston, SC; sixteen grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren; one great great-grandchild; and one sister, Avanelle McKinney of Effingham, IL. Vernon was preceded in death by two wives, Marion J. (Carroll) Shirley and Nell (Koenig) Shirley; one son, Scott D. Shirley; and one sister, Bernice P. Bailey.

Vernon was an operator for USI and former employee for IC Railroad. He was

a Life Member of Eagles Lodge of Mattoon and served as secretary for fifteen years. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge of Mattoon, IL. Vernon enjoyed listening to his ham radio, dancing, playing cards, and walking his dog. He also took pleasure in camping, traveling, and watching trains pass by. His family brought him great joy and many will fondly remember him.

Memorials in Vernon's honor may be made to Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter, 207 S. Prospect Road, Suite 1, Bloomington, IL or American Heart Association, 2141 W. White Oaks Drive #A, Springfield, IL 62704.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street
Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Vernon W. Shirley*

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“ *Larry & Betty Bailey purchased the Country Basket et Blooms for the family of Vernon W. Shirley.*



Larry & Betty Bailey - February 27, 2019 at 09:23 AM



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“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of
Vernon W. Shirley.



February 26, 2019 at 12:27 PM