

Shirley Jean Strain

February 14, 1943 - February 9, 2017

Shirley Jean Tesh Strain, 73, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, entered into eternal life on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at her home in Durant, OK.

Visitation: 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017 at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, 500 E. Main Street, Grand Prairie, 75050, where Funeral Services will follow at 2:30. A private family committal will follow at DFW National Cemetery in Dallas at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be given in Shirley's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital, Box 50, Memphis, TN, 38101-0050.

Shirley was born on February 14, 1943, the daughter of the late Ivan L. Tesh and the late Wilma Lucile Hepner Tesh in Coffeyville, KS, where she was raised and graduated from high school. Shortly after her graduation, she would meet and marry Pete Strain. His career in the military would find them to living in various cities over the United States.

Shirley and Pete's family would be blessed with the addition of 4 children. Their home was filled with happiness and fun, often generated by Shirley. She enjoyed spending time playing cards, and board games. As the children aged, they games advanced to Trivial pursuit, Jeopardy or an occasional time at a casino.

She had perfect penmanship and was a gifted artist. Anyone receiving mail from her would be the recipient of her works. She was known to include a drawing on the front of any envelopes, either personal or business. Her decorations were impressive and her home was always impeccable. She loved for things to be neat and in proper order. She was a gifted writer and loved creating poems.

Her caring way had her constantly thinking of others. She had adopted a family for Thanksgiving, and for years made sure they had a proper meal to celebrate the day. Waitresses and waiters would often be the recipients of one of her delicious cupcakes, just one of her many ways of saying thanks.

She is survived by her husband of fifty-three years, Pete Strain; children, Steve Strain of Wichita, KS, Stewart Strain and spouse Stacy of Flower Mound, TX, Sherri Strain of West Monroe, LA, Shawna Strain of Arlington, TX; grandchildren, Ryan Ray and wife Haylee, Amber Amador and husband Bairon, Roberta Marquette-Strain; great grandchildren, Drew, Ella-Kate, Scarlet Rose, Micah, Isaac, Ariana; siblings, Dick Tesh and spouse Bonnie, Brent Tesh and spouse Becky; niece, Lisa Tesh; aunt, Mary Atkinson and a large extended family.

In addition to her family, her Pomeranian, K.C. (her special dog), will dearly miss her. Shirley loved all the pets in the family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Rollie Tesh.

Cemetery Details

DFW National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 15. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home
500 E. Main Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050
(972) 263-5570

Funeral Service

FEB 15. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Shirley was the very first person I met when i moved to Vancouver 40+ years ago. She became a life long friend. She was funny and sweet and I am going to miss her very much. I see so much of her in her children - how they look, their sense of humor, their out going personalities and much more. She loved them and Pete very much. She will live on in their wonderful memories of her, and in the memories of all the friends she made no matter where she went. Every one should be so blessed to know such a person. Rest in peace, My Dear Friend.

Dee Brady - February 27, 2017 at 11:37 PM

 Loyana Fonville

“ Loyana Fonville lit a candle in memory of Shirley Jean Strain



Loyana Fonville - February 18, 2017 at 11:25 PM

 Loyana Fonville

My heart and Prayers go out to the family of Mrs.Strain.I am so sorry to learn of her passing. I live next door to her and Mr. Strain. Even though we didnt get to visit much, just an occasional hello across the fence.....I will miss seeing her outside with her little K.C. She was a very sweet lady and I know she will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Loyana Fonville - February 18, 2017 at 11:48 PM

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Thank you for sharing!

sherri strain - February 19, 2017 at 12:48 PM

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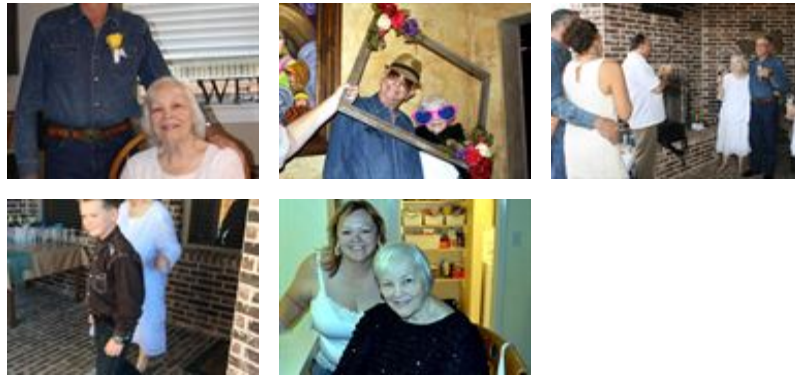
“ *Sherri Strain lit a candle in memory of Shirley Jean Strain*



sherri strain - February 16, 2017 at 09:02 PM



“ *57 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - February 15, 2017 at 10:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Jean Strain.*



February 15, 2017 at 09:29 AM

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“ From Geno Acosta purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Shirley Jean Strain.



From Geno Acosta - February 14, 2017 at 06:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Jean Strain.



February 14, 2017 at 03:14 PM

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“ Lisa, Rollie Jr., and Lori Tesh purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Shirley Jean Strain.



Lisa, Rollie Jr., and Lori Tesh - February 14, 2017 at 12:13 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Jean Strain.



February 14, 2017 at 10:23 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Shirley Jean Strain.*



February 14, 2017 at 09:36 AM



“ *I know I posted on someone's Facebook already but one of my all-time favorite memories were of the bunny families she made! I absolutely love them, are used to look forward to Thanksgiving's! I loved getting birthday cards from you!*

Mandy Chilson - February 13, 2017 at 07:30 PM



“ *Shirley always fancied the idea she raised me , I don't remember it that way. She taught me how to party and what to do when our parents were out of town. She was always after me to do better in school, I was somewhat of a rebel but she was quite good in school and tried very hard to teach me to do better, I finally got the message late in high school. GOD has blessed us, but now he has taken her home . Love ya sis. Dickie*

Richard Tesh - February 13, 2017 at 07:29 PM

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“ I can remember Mom making me Salisbury Steak TV dinners when I came home from Kindergarten. We would watch soap operas and afternoon TV game shows in between my cartoons. I loved going to play Bingo with her and to the grocery store. I would always sneak in a candy bar, but she always caught it because it wasn't on her grocery list. As we got older I appreciated the things she did for us when I may not have understood at a young age. Thanks for teaching me to be somewhat of a neat freak, to make my bed regularly, and to always make sure the labels on the canned food were always facing forward.



I Love You Mom...Stu and Charlie

Stu Strain - February 13, 2017 at 06:44 PM