



Shirley A. Sears

October 26, 1939 - April 7, 2021

Shirley A. Sears, 81, of Lancaster, passed away on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at Lancaster General Hospital after a brief illness. Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Jay and Evelyn (Washstetter) Koser. Shirley was the wife of the late Lawrence P. Sears who passed away on November 3, 2014.

Shirley retired from Kellogg's. Previously she worked at various restaurants as a waitress. After her retirement, Shirley volunteered at Landisville Elementary School in the art department. The time she spent working with the children was very special to her. She also volunteered at the Longs Park Art Festival. Shirley enjoyed traveling and especially making trips to her vacation home in Rehoboth Beach. Shirley was "rescued" by her rescue cat, Sandy. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Shirley is survived by two children, Terry Way, husband of Cheri of Elizabethtown and Kathy Gainer, wife of John of Lancaster; a step-daughter, Cindy Gochnauer, wife of Karl of Mountville; four grandchildren, Rebecca Sears of Lancaster, Johnny Gainer, husband of Spencer Nendza of Philadelphia, Adam Way of Elizabethtown, and Joshua Sears of Lancaster; and a brother, Herbert Stahl, husband of Susan of Wernersville.

She was preceded in death by two stepchildren, Lisa and Michael

Sears; a sister, Joan Bryan; and a brother, Robert Koser.

A funeral service honoring Shirley's life will be held at the Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the funeral home before the service from 10 AM to 11 AM. Interment will follow at Laurel Hill Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, 100 New Haven St, Mount Joy, PA 17552 or the Columbia Animal Shelter, 265 S 10th St, Columbia, PA 17512.

Tribute Wall

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“ *What a great gal! I missed seeing her during the pandemic wreaking havoc this past year. You kids & grandkids were all she talked about. My sincere condolences on your loss. R I P, Shirley, my coworker for 20 years.*

Pat B. - April 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *My heart felt condolences to Shirley's family and friends. Gina Anderson, Retired Kellogg employee*

Gina Anderson - April 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Shirley A. Sears*

April 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Kathy, I am so sorry for your mothers sudden death. I remember you talking about her and how close you were. My prayers are with you and your family. ❤️ Patty*

Patty Phelan - April 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Shirley A. Sears*

April 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ I got to know Shirley while employed at Kelloggs. She was friendly, caring, and always happy to indulge in stories about our families. I consider myself blessed to have known her. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family. May God's peace and comfort be with you all in this time of sorrow.

Kathy Herr - April 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM



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“ Shirley A. Sears

April 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ To Shirley's family, I am do sorry for your loss and pain. I worked with Shirley at Kellogg's and called her friend. She was such a kind soul, but spunky as well. She always spoke of her family.....always.. I will always remember the pranks that Gunner would play on Shirley and Margaret and the laughter that would overtake us. Shirley always used to say "God love her or him". To this day I find myself saying that quite often and think of Shirley every time. I hope God eases your pain and calms your heart. God love you.....Carmen A. Valentin

Carmen Valentin - April 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Shirley A. Sears

April 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM