



Shirley Joan Lucas

June 12, 1935 - January 22, 2018

Shirley Joan Lucas (Stanberry), 82, died peacefully surrounded by her family on January 22, 2018 at the Butterfield Trail Village in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Shirley was born June 12, 1935, in Fayetteville. She is one of the first 8th Grade graduates of St. Joseph Catholic School in 1950. After graduating from Fayetteville High School in 1953, she earned her Nursing diploma from St. Edward's School of Nursing, Fort Smith, Arkansas, in 1957. She then returned to Fayetteville and married Andrew Lucas. Together they moved to Texas where Andy was employed by Gulf Oil. After a short 3 years in Texas, Andy was hired by the University of Arkansas Alumni Association, so they settled back in Fayetteville and raised five children. She continued her nursing career at Washington Regional Medical Center, earning a Nursing degree from the U of A, and working her way up to become the Head Nurse of Labor and Delivery and then Head Nurse of Obstetrics-Gynecology. Following a successful 31-year nursing career, Shirley's love for the Fayetteville community led her to become active in city government. Shirley and Andy began working polling locations within Fayetteville's Ward 4. She served as the Position 1 Alderwoman for Ward 4 from 2003 to 2010. Shirley was also devoted to the St. Joseph and St. Thomas Catholic communities. She and Andy spent many hours volunteering for fund-raising events such as the St. Thomas Phone-a-thon. Over the years, Shirley and Andy enjoyed traveling to visit their children in different locations around the country and world. She was an avid Razorback fan and rarely missed home football and basketball games. Shirley's favorite quote was "Start each day with a happy thought and prayer. It will last you all day." She had many significant accomplishments, including pioneering the Birthing Suite concept at Washington Regional Medical Center, which enabled fathers to be part of the birthing process. She co-sponsored the bill that banned smoking in Fayetteville restaurants, worked with the Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO), and sky-dived on her 80th birthday. Lastly, Shirley and Andy received the Papal Benemerenti Honor from Pope John Paul II in 2003 for a Life Time of Service to the Catholic Church and Family. One of her greatest joys was watching her five children graduate from the U of A and continue on to successful careers in the Army, Pharmaceuticals, the Air Force, Hospital Administration, and High School teaching. In addition to five children, Shirley has nine grandchildren and one great grandson. Shirley is survived by her husband Andy of over

60 years; children Andrew Lucas III of Fredericksburg VA, Ernest Lucas of Maumelle AR, John Lucas of O'Fallon IL, Cathy Spalding of Sellersburg IN, and Thomas Lucas of Pflugerville TX; and sister Phyllis Rueff of Nashville TN. She is preceded in death by her parents Ernest and Argie Stanberry; sister Helen Marie and brother Ernest Stanberry Jr; and grandson Will Lucas. A rosary will be recited on Thursday, January 25th at 7:00 PM at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fayetteville with a visitation to follow until 8:00 PM. Funeral services will be at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fayetteville at 1:00 PM, Friday, January 26th. Private burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Fayetteville. A reception will follow the funeral at the Butterfield Trail Lodge. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Joseph Catholic School or the St. Thomas Annual Fund. To sign the online guest book please visit www.nelsonberna.com

Events

JAN **Visitation** 07:30PM - 08:00PM

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St. Joseph Catholic Church

1722 North Starr Drive, Fayetteville, AR, US

JAN **Mass** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Shirley was a special person since I first new her at St. Joseph's Catholic School. She was about 3 years older, but always had time to smile and talk. At recess we would often have a small group play touch football and if Shirley was not on my team; it created a , " wait until tomorrow " , attitude.

It has been many years since I last saw or talked with Shirley, but she will never be forgotten. I suppose she was my first girl friend, but she never knew it.

God Bless the Lucas Family, and know that your Wife and Mother will always be in your corner smiling and cheering you on to eternal happiness!

Dorsey W. Jones
Spring, Texas

Dorsey W. Jones - March 31 at 06:36 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Shirley's passing. She was a wonderful person. May she rest in peace in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Carol Rachal - October 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ We were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Lucas. She was a pillar of love and strength for her family, a compassionate and dedicated nurse, tireless advocate for her church and community, and above all the greatest of friends (as I am sure Rita and Leo Paulissen will let her know when they get their turn to greet her!). We extend our deepest condolences to Mr. Lucas, Andy, Ernie, John, Cathy, Thomas and their families for their loss. We also join them in celebrating the life and memories of a truly great lady.

Mark Paulissen - January 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ A bright light for a caring soul.

Carolyn O'Connell - January 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Andy and family condolences to you all. Shirley was my room mate at St. Edwards nursing school.

Nedra Shultz - January 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Sending my condolences to the family. Shirley had a great nursing/administrative career and we are all so proud of her legacy as an Alderman. She'll be best remembered for the wonderful group of children she and husband Andy raised -- such good people. She will be missed.

Kat Whitehead Paulson - January 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Andy and Family, First we want to offer our love and prayers for Shirley and each of you. Then we want to tell you how very much we enjoyed visiting and having lunch with both of you. Your new home was beautiful. Andy, Shirley was so proud of your family and love for each other. Jude and Jerry Hassler

B. Jude & Jerry Hassler - January 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Shirley will be sorely missed by all who knew her, wether through her hospital work, church, service as a council member, or as a friend. My husband, Tim Kral and I, knew her and Andy independently of our own ties. We always felt honored that she and Andy served as one of our references when we adopted our daughter Bethany. They were shining examples of what a family, marriage, and service should embody. I know their family will deeply miss Shirley, but they can take comfort in knowing the light Shirley brought to our community. God bless you all.- Connie Hendrix-Kral and Tim Kral

January 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Our condolences to your family. We were proud to have Shirley as our alderman. We also liked visiting with Shirley and Andy when voting at the little church. Susan Bell and Michael Bell

January 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to Shirley's family. She is with our Heavenly Father.

Tammy Jones - January 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM



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Lou Ann Passmore

January 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ I spent many happy days in the Lucas home during my high school years. My heart goes out to all of you. Wish I could be there to hug you all. Praying for peace for all.
Love, Nicki Terry Crawford

Nicki Crawford - January 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Andy and children, May God bless all of you with beautiful memories of my "big sister" Shirley. We love you and will see you soon. Phyllis and David

Phyllis & David Rueff - January 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, you are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless, the Meyer's

David Meyer - January 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Our condolences to the Lucas family. Shirley was an inspiration to all of us in the women's health care community.

Jim and Andrea Romine - January 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Sending love and prayers for you and your family!V/r,Your A3T team

January 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Bless you my friend. My condolences to the Lucas Family.

Ken Good - January 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Andy, Your mom was a class act. She had love in her heart and a smile on her face, always. I'm blessed to have had the opportunity to get to know her the last 11+ years along with your dad and brothers. She did a magnificent job here on earth. I know this because I know her oldest son and he's pretty amazing! I'll continue to pray for you and your entire family during this impossible time. Much love from me to you, my dear brother! Love, Lisa

Lisa Diskin - January 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Sending our prayers and love during this time to you all! The Bob Hall FamilyBob, Coleen, Robin and Teddy

Robin Guadagnini - January 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so shocked and sad to hear of Shirley's passing. She was one of those people who you love the moment you meet them. She will be sorely missed!

Carolyn Banks - January 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Cathy and Family, Sending hugs and prayers for you and your family at this difficult time.

Kelly Kennedy - January 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Andy and Family, We are so saddened to hear of Shirley's passing. Such a loving and giving person. She will be missed by so many. Joe and Judi Schenke

January 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM