



Rose Marie Shiflett Berger

December 22, 1928 - July 29, 2021

Thursday, July 29, 2021, Rose Marie Shiflett Berger passed away from natural causes in her Manassas home surrounded by her five adult children. Rose was born December 22, 1929 in Charlottesville, VA to Amos Shiflett and Sadie Shiflett. Married in 1950 to the late Norman “Nick” Berger, they lived in Prince William County on route 234 for 14 years, then by the water on Lake Jackson for another 47 years. A non-swimmer, Rose would sit in an inner tube to cool off after sunbathing, with a rope tied to the dock, just in case!

Rose’s 91 years were filled with hard work and great style as she raised her family, worked as a hair stylist for 30 years and then worked at Berger’s Sewing Machine Vacuum Center for another 43 years. Her five children are Karen Taylor (Ronnie) of Manassas, VA, Tina Mueller (the late Henry Mueller) of Gainesville, VA, DeeDee Arnold (fiance’ Don Surrena) of Fredericksburg, VA, Kristie Bishop (Ed) of Fredericksburg, VA and Raymond Berger (Tracy) of Front Royal, VA. Her Grandchildren are: Ronnie Taylor, Jr. (Heather), Michelle Taylor (Jeff Carswell), the late Jason Comer, Stefan Mueller, Jessica Caleb, John Arnold (Nikki), Scott Bishop (Monica), Kristopher Bishop (Samantha), Ryan Bishop (Heather), Hailey Berger, Kacey Berger, Griffin Berger, Peyton Berger and sixteen Great-grandchildren.

Rose was an excellent hair stylist. She had the knowledge and talent to make her customers feel beautiful. She knew lots of the county residents, or at least

something about everyone in the county as many secrets were shared with her at the shop. Rose mentioned that as soon as she got their heads back in the sink, they would relax and tell her all their concerns and surprises. She might find out about a new diagnosis before that person had told anyone in their family. Then there were the awkward moments like the time one of the town's husband's wife was under the dryer, while the girlfriend was in the haircut chair!

Rose loved to decorate. Every home she owned underwent several renovations as she exercised her talent for color coordination. She was particular about how her home possessions were kept. With an eye for detail Rose would not hesitate to go into someone's home and straighten the pictures on the wall. No matter how hard we tried to hide that we the kids sat on the down couches, by fluffing and staging them, she could tell they were not as she left them. She could tell what the kids were "up to" by checking the trash can. She knew when friends were over or we had gotten into a stash of goodies. She clearly could have been an excellent detective, with her talent for getting to the bottom of any transgression.

Rose's art form was dressing well and shopping. Her excellent taste was evident in every outfit. When she went to the Carter Bank, ladies would insist she pose for a picture in the outfit of that day. We have the pictures by the bank counter! Living up to the idea her brother gave her, "be as pretty as you can be every day"! Her friends sought her out to put the finishing touches on any of their decorating projects and outfits. The whole family knew that no girl leaves the house without lipstick or earrings. She would not have restricted the boys to do the same if they wished. There are so many memories of life on the lake. Cruising at dusk, as chicken cooked in the double oven, to come back to devour the food after a day of skiing and fishing. One of the grand's wife texted: "Don't forget the Shalimar perfume. The great grands loved getting her perfumed \$20 bills and Lindt chocolates in a jewelry bag". And oh

my, the parties were great on the lake! Another grandson said “ (He) will be pouring a bottle of Kendall Jackson Chardonnay into the lake while smoking a Virginia Slim wearing my best Nordstrom shoes this evening #Love GG”

There will be a graveside service at Stonewall Memorial Gardens on Friday August 6, 2021 at 10 AM. Donations in Rose’s honor can be made to the Manassas City Police who answered her “accidental” panic button calls graciously assuring her they were there to make sure she was safe and happy to help.

Year’s before Rose made a donation to the County Sheriff’s office and received a certificate naming her a “special deputy”. She told all officers coming to her home she was a special deputy to which one officer said, “We are proud to have you on the force mam!”

Cemetery Details

Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway
Manassas, VA 20109
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Graveside Services

AUG 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TA

“ Mrs berger was a beautiful lady I would go by to the shop and just sit down and talk to her I would always compliment her on how gorgeous she always looked I will miss visiting her when the shop was on Mathis Ave may she rest in peace an angel has been sent to heaven toni jordan chapman

Toni adams - August 08, 2021 at 01:11 PM

LH

“ Lloyd & Carolyn Hill lit a candle in memory of Rose Marie Shiflett Berger



Lloyd & Carolyn Hill - August 07, 2021 at 05:11 PM

LL

Our "Foto Shop & Unique Studio" was next door to their sewing/vacuum business. The Bergers were excellent people. She always looked her best and her kindness was reflected on a daily basis. Rest in Peace as they are reunited in heaven.

Lloyd - August 07, 2021 at 05:16 PM

DR

“ My deepest condolences to all of the Berger family. Rose always had a smile to share, a story to tell, sometimes over and over, and a kind ear to listen. I'll miss seeing her but will remember her sweet smile, gentle spirit, and stories of the past.
Rest in peace, Rose.
Daisy

Daisy Reynolds - August 06, 2021 at 09:43 PM

RB

“ Rosie and Richard Blok purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Rose Marie Shiflett
Berger.



Rosie and Richard Blok - August 05, 2021 at 02:11 PM

RB

“ Rosie Blok lit a candle in memory of Rose
Marie Shiflett Berger



Rosie Blok - August 05, 2021 at 01:58 PM