



## Shirley Ann Combs

August 23, 1940 - September 2, 2017

Shirley Ann Combs, age 77, of Warrenton, VA formerly of Manassas, VA went to be with the Lord Saturday, September 2, 2017 at the Brookside Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility.

She was born on August 23, 1940 in Martinsville, VA the daughter of the late Samuel Howell and Nellie (Craddock) Howell of Warrenton, VA. She served as a secretary at the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Survivors include her loving husband of 44 years, Charles D. Combs of Warrenton, VA; her mother, Nellie J. Howell of Warrenton, VA; two brothers, Bobby Howell of Seymour, CT and Charles Howell of Greer, SC; one sister, Betty Towry of Huntsville, AL; seven nephews and nieces and eight great nephews and nieces.

Shirley is a member of the Manassas Church of God. She was known for her strong faith in God and abiding love for her church and family. Shirley was beloved for her warm gentle nature, kind smile, and eagerness to help those in need of prayer and nurturing.

The family will receive friends from 11:30 AM -12:30 PM Friday, September 8, 2017 at the Manassas Church of God, 8823 Rixlew Lane, Manassas, VA where funeral services will be held at 12:30 PM with Pastor John Wilcoxon

officiating. Interment will follow at Stonewall Memory Gardens in Manassas, VA.

Flowers will be excepted; however, donations may be made to Manassas Church of God.

# Cemetery Details

## Stonewall Memory Gardens

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 8. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Manassas Church of God  
8823 Rixlew Lane  
Manassas, VA

## Service

SEP 8. 12:30 PM (ET)

Manassas Church of God  
8823 Rixlew Lane  
Manassas, VA

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ Shirley Cason lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Combs



Shirley Cason - September 07, 2017 at 08:00 PM

SC

Sis. Shirley was always so very sweet and I feel blessed to have known her and the special times we shared at Campmeeting! She was a big blessing in my life and it's so wonderful that she is enjoying what we are looking forward to!

Shirley Cason - September 07, 2017 at 08:04 PM

SF

Dear Brother DeWayne, we want you to know and always remember that you are in our thoughts and prayers! Be encouraged and keep looking up, Heaven will be worth it all! You and Sister Shirley have always been a blessing in our life! Thankful for the sweet memories we carry deep in our hearts! Remember, you are never alone 🙏

shirley cason and family - September 19, 2017 at 11:54 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Combs.



September 07, 2017 at 08:03 AM

EM

“ Shirley and Nellie both used to babysit for my parents. 10 children was a lot to handle!!  
I am the oldest of the 10 Wood children.  
When we get together, Nellie and Shirley's names always come up!  
Rest in Peace, Sweet Shirley.  
HUGS and PRAYERS to Nellie and family.  
From Eileen Wood Marlowe, the oldest of the 10 Wood children!

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**Eileen Wood Marlowe** - September 06, 2017 at 10:30 PM

TM

“ While it's sad to hear of sis Shirley's, or aunt Shirley as we referred to her, passing she has gained what she strived for. When my parents first came to the truth in 1975, she was one of the sisters who took my mom under her wing and nurtured her. Many times she was quite blunt about things my mom should and shouldn't be doing, and in later years we would laugh about it. Since bro dwain didn't cherish the thought of her driving alone, my mom would usually take her to the grocery store and they'd run their errands together. As she got older and battled health issues my mom would take them meals and help in any way she could including taking care of sis Howell some to help ease that burden. She would also babysit many times for my mom! Our families had a close bond and every Mother's Day when us 3 children were still home and many times since we have been on our own, we would send her a card and get her flowers for Mother's Day. She loved us spending time with her since she never had children of her own. She was always worried about dwain and mama and her nieces and nephews, which I won't name them all cause I'm not sure I could spell them all correctly, but she was always excited and would talk about her phone calls or visits or anything she received from them! She wanted to see all her family saved. Praying for comfort for each of you and that the seeds she planted and the life she lived has left a lasting impression. We loved her dearly and will surely miss her.  
Tonia muncy and family

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tonia muncy - September 05, 2017 at 09:37 PM

KW

“ We will miss her sweet smile and caring heart. Her nieces and nephews were special to her. They were the children she never had. She loved her husband so much and was very worried when he got ill. Her family was special to her, especially her Mama (That is the name Shirley always called her). In the nursing home, Shirley would talk to all her nurses and they were attached to her right away. Some of them wanted to take her home with them. When you would go visit her, her eyes would get big and she be smiling always ready to give you a hug. She will missed. She wanted to live a good life for God. And at the end of her life God gave her what she wanted by going from the hospital back to the nursing home to be with her Mama and Dwain one last time.

*Her dear friend, Karen*

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**Karen Wilcoxon** - September 05, 2017 at 08:23 PM

JT

“ To Sis. Shirley's family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Sis. Shirley's passing. She was a wonderful saint of God with a deep care for everyone in her heart. She was one of my mother's best friends when i was growing up. When my mom first came to church i was told how she and Sis. Shirley would go to the prayer room at the campgrounds to pray. She was always concerned for others. In recent years, I used to enjoy our chats on Sunday morning in the library where she always encouraged me. I am happy that another saint has received their reward in Heaven. May God bless and comfort you in the days ahead.

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**Jason Thomas** - September 05, 2017 at 07:04 PM