



## Shirley Ann O'Connor

July 27, 1936 - October 29, 2016

Shirley Ann O'Connor, age 80, passed away Saturday, October 29, 2016, at her residence in Manassas, VA.

Mrs. O'Connor was born Shirley Ann Lewis on July 27, 1936, in Mullins, SC; the daughter of the late Leslie and Ima (Herring) Lewis. After graduating from high school, she joined the United States Air Force and served our country in the WAF. She married and was blessed with three daughters and her niece while maintaining a career as a Graphics/Visual Illustrator for the U.S. Government. Mrs. O'Connor loved her family, her friends and her cats. She loved to paint, take pictures and travel. She made her life an adventure through laughter, song and her faith.

Mrs. O'Connor was preceded in death by her husband, Roger J. O'Connor, her brother, W.L. Lewis; and her sister, Helen White. Survivors include her three daughters, Sherry L. Hamilton and husband Keith of Waldorf, MD; Joyce A. Leannarda and husband Rocky of Oldsmar, FL; Laura J. Gilbert of Manassas Park, VA; her niece, I. Jean Monroe of Alexandria, VA; her brother, Harold Lewis and wife Pat of Rock Hill, SC; her sister, Peggy Morris of Charlotte, NC; step son, Greg O'Connor and step daughter, Jennifer Bolton. She is also survived by four grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and their families.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at the Annandale Calvary Church, 8220 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003. We will be welcoming guests beginning at 4:00 p.m. with services starting at 4:30 p.m. The family invites you to join them for dinner after the services at the Café in the church.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 12. 4:30 PM (ET)

Annandale Calvary Church  
8220 Little River Turnpike  
Annandale, VA 22003

# Tribute Wall

PE

“ Dear Joyce,

*I was saddened to read about your Mom's passing. I have many fond memories of your Mom teaching the young kid from Brooklyn on how to enjoy the southern way of life. 30 years ago she instructed me on how to clean and pick blue crabs and its been the only way I still enjoy them to this day. I will always remember Shirley with an eternal smile, a contagious laugh and a quick smart reply to anything that sounded out of place. May her memory be eternal.*

*Pete*

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**Peter** - May 20, 2017 at 01:09 PM

JL

*Thank you for this memory. I know she enjoyed her time with you too! Blessings and kindest regards.*

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**Joyce Leannarda** - April 12, 2018 at 12:30 PM

KW

“ To: Joyce, Sherry, and Laura,

*I was so sorry to read of your Mom's death. She was a special lady and I know many will miss her. Ann and I worked together at the Bureau of Mines where she was an illustrator and I a secretary to the division. We had many laughs together and went out to lunch many times in DC and Chinatown after the Bureau moved to that area. She could always find the best restaurant even if the restaurant was not up to par. I went on to working in the Purchasing Department and then on to Staff Assistant to the Director. She was always there rooting me on. Her laugh is something I will never forget. We talked on the phone many times throughout the years. The last time I spoke to her was July of this year. That is when she told me about Roger's death. I could tell by her voice that she loved and missed him so much. I sent her a birthday card and asked her to stay in touch. I was planning to call her again in October and then read of her death on facebook. It was a surprise to read it.*

*Rest in Peace, Ann, and know that you were loved by many people.*

*With love,  
Kathleen Wallat  
Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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**Kathleen Wallat** - November 11, 2016 at 08:46 PM



*Thank you Kathleen for the beautiful tribute to Mom. I know she is in heaven waiting to take you to lunch again...at the best restaurant there!!!*

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**Joyce Hottle-Leannarda** - November 25, 2016 at 07:42 AM

BS

“ *Bernie & Shirley, Jackie & Rod, Susie & Stephen purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shirley Ann O'Connor.*



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**Bernie & Shirley, Jackie & Rod, Susie & Stephen** - November 10, 2016 at 10:03 AM

LM

“ *Love, Jeannie Monroe purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Shirley Ann O'Connor.*



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**Love, Jeannie Monroe** - November 03, 2016 at 02:49 PM

JM

“ *Aunt Ann is in my earliest of memories and I am forever grateful to her for taking in and raising a teenager with many emotional problems. Her acceptance and goodness towards all people is an inspiration to me and I will always keep her in my heart. She also secured my first “real” summer job as a receptionist at her employment “Huff Duplicating” in Washington, D.C. She started work very early in the mornings and that is where I received my work ethic for not being late to work or any activity really. She took the time and effort with loving patience to teach me her trade as an “Illustrator” which in those days was very complicated, compared to today’s technology. She is a part of me and will be missed so very much.*

*With Love, Jeannie*

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**Jeannie Monroe** - November 03, 2016 at 01:24 PM



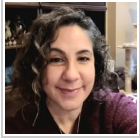
*You know she thought of you as her "extra" special daughter and not just her niece. I think of you also as my Sister. Love you!!*

**Joyce Hottle-Leannarda** - November 25, 2016 at 07:44 AM



*Thank you sweetheart! Love you, too!*

**Jean Monroe** - December 06, 2016 at 11:29 AM



*“ The summer I was 13, Aunt Ann picked me up after summer school and I stayed with her until mom got off work. Aunt Ann and I would talk and I would pout about being away from my friends. She told me how much I was like her and I hated it! What 13 year old wants to be like their Aunt? Now I'm happy that she saw a bit of herself in me and will always feel connected to her.*

*You will be missed, but we will see each other again.*

**Amy Ruiz** - November 03, 2016 at 08:33 AM

CH

*“ There's not a memory in my childhood that doesn't include you. Being your granddaughter was a blessing in ways that as an adult I am proud of.*

*I know I wasn't easy. I thank you for instilling in me Courage, Creativity, Love, Willingness and Faith. I will cherish who I have grown into as it is a reflection of how you loved me.*

*Thank you for never giving up on me for always being a light in my darkness.*

*I will miss you so very much and I will continue to love you.*

*Carol Jean (only you could get away with calling me that)*

**Carol Hancock** - November 02, 2016 at 08:42 PM

RB

“ I have many memories of Aunt Ann... When I was 10 and Amy was 4, Aunt Ann would for a time pick us from school. We would then run errands with her, going swimming, and what I thought was so fun, putting on a video of Calisthenics in the living room with the three of us.

She was always there for her family, always loving and kind. Aunt Ann will be missed. We love you and will see you again.

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**Rachel Branger** - November 02, 2016 at 08:05 PM

SH

“ Momma - I can't thank you enough for being the mom that you were to me. A lifetime of loving, caring and just being there. I wish you were not taken so soon but I thank God for the time we had together. I love you, I miss you, and I cannot wait to see you again💕💕



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**Sherry Hamilton** - November 02, 2016 at 07:33 PM