



Shirley Clarkson

April 20, 1928 - January 31, 2021

Shirley Ann Clarkson was born April 20, 1928, in Ferndale, Michigan. Shirley was the daughter of Edmond and Wilma Whitely. She was predeceased by her older sisters Kathryn Grenfell and Betty Gilbert. They all grew up happily together in Highland Park. Shirley was married to Philip Theodore "Ted" Clarkson for 55 years. She had three lovely daughters: Cindy Clarkson, Patricia Jo Gilsbach (Paul Brown) and Catherine (Dale) Janes. Shirley is also survived by 8 grandchildren: Mike (Barb) Janes, Laurie Nylund, Cheryl (Jeff) Johnston, Dave (Shannon) Janes, Jaclyn (Tim Kellerman) Janes, Matthew Gilsbach, Jacob (Mary Herrmann) Gilsbach, and Steven (Amelia) Janes. Great grandmother of 11 (so far) and great-great grandmother of 3. Shirley loved her family and all their fun activities. She cherished her English and Irish ancestry with Clarkson, Gilbert and Grenfell families. While her husband, Ted retired from Ford Motor Company as an Industrial Engineer, Shirley worked in the offices of AAA (Automobile Club of Michigan) for many years. She enjoyed working with her co-workers. She also enjoyed flowers (especially lilacs), mystery trips, crafts, traveling to Arizona, visiting family in Florida, but mostly loved spending time with family. Shirley Clarkson remains a loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. Gram's will be best remembered for her sweetness and smiles. Known to family as dainty, ladylike and a connoisseur of tea! Shirley's great love of family sustained her for over 92 years. Her family will celebrate that love and devotion with an Episcopal / Christian service at a private burial at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, Michigan, later this year.

Tribute Wall

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“ Tom & I remember Aunt Shirley always with a smile on her beautiful face. She was a kind and gentle soul, and always up for a good time. We will remember her always.

We have a few photos to share. We hope the family enjoys some happy memories from these photos.

Tom & Pat Clarkson



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