



Shirley Bardella

May 11, 1929 - December 4, 2016

Shirley Bardella, 87, a former resident of Willcox, passed away December 4, 2016 in Eureka, California. Born in 1929 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, she was one of Pacific Bell's first telephone operators. Shirley lived in Willcox from 1993-2014. A prolific writer, Shirley was an active member of the local Writer's Bloc group and published her novel "A Lonely Lady" in 1996. An organizer at heart, Shirley started up a Senior Center here in Willcox in 1997. Along with her love of writing, she shared a great love of travel and went on many adventures with her husband of 57 years, Don, to Australia, Mexico, Hawaii, San Diego and other destinations. But even with all of these interests, Shirley's greatest love was her family; her four children, three grandchildren, and her husband were the focus of her life. Shirley moved to Northern California last year to be with her daughter Kathy, and made many new friends along the way. She is survived by her children; Don Bardella of Glendale, Arizona, Mary Bardella, and Judy Bailey of Willcox, Arizona, Kathleen Essa of Bayside, California and her husband Emran. She is also survived by her three special grandchildren; Tara Bardella, Joseph Bailey and Nabil Essa. She was preceded in Death by her husband Don in 2008. Shirley was the center of her family and cannot be replaced. We are comforted to know she will now be reunited with the lover of her life, the man she spotted on a dance floor and married months later and who she called the "handsomest man she had ever seen".

A rosary was held on Friday, December 9th at St. Bernard's Church in Eureka, California followed by a memorial mass on Saturday, December 10th.

Condolences can be sent c/o Mary Bardella, 310 W. Grant St., Willcox, AZ 85643 or via <http://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com/>.

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Bardella

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ Mary J Bardella lit a candle in memory of Shirley Bardella



Mary J Bardella - January 16, 2017 at 11:07 PM



Mom, I love you. Rest in peace with Dad, Nana, and the angels. You will always be with us!

Mary J Bardella - January 16, 2017 at 11:09 PM



“ Tara Bardella lit a candle in memory of Shirley Bardella



Tara Bardella - January 16, 2017 at 11:06 PM



Nana, I miss you and will love you forever. Thank you for everything! <3 You are always with us.

Tara Bardella - January 16, 2017 at 11:08 PM

JB

“ Mom I miss you so much. I miss your advice (you were always right), and how much you loved us. I miss talking to you. I'm so happy that I saw you in October and we had a great visit. I will think of you every day. I look forward to the day I see you and Dad in heaven.



Judy

Judy Bailey - January 08, 2017 at 07:10 PM

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“ I miss my mom's phone calls and hearing her voice - but I know she's with my dad and that was her favorite place to be. God bless you both in heaven.

kathleen essa - January 05, 2017 at 11:27 PM

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“ Kathleen Essa lit a candle in memory of Shirley Bardella



kathleen essa - January 05, 2017 at 11:25 PM