



Shirley Ann (Rondeau) Brittell

April 30, 1933 - September 14, 2024

Shirley Ann (Rondeau) Brittell followed the butterflies to reunite with her beloved late husband, Cal in their eternal Home. She passed away in Brunswick, Maine on Saturday morning, September 14, 2024 after a brief illness.

Born on April 30th, 1933, in Portsmouth, NH to Anna and Ludger Rondeau, Shirley attended schools in Portsmouth and Keene State College. She drove to California in 1953 and soon met the love of her life, Clarence (Cal) Brittell of Oxnard, California. They married in 1955 and added son, Jim, and daughter, Judy, to their family. Shirley convinced Cal to move back to New England and they settled in Ashby, Massachusetts in 1964. Shirley was very active in school and community groups including serving on the local School Committee for many years. She worked as a medical secretary at Burbank Hospital in Fitchburg, MA.

Shirley was devoted to her husband Cal. They had a deep and abiding love. Her heart was broken when Cal passed away after a brief illness in 2001. Shirley and Cal were devout Roman Catholics and Oblates at St. Benedict's Abbey in Harvard, Massachusetts. Their lives were enriched by special friendships in the religious community, Marriage Encounter, and many pilgrimages and trips around the world. After Cal's death, she moved from Ashby to Clinton, MA to be closer to the Abbey. Shirley moved to Freeport,

Maine in 2012 and had many special times with her Maine and Vermont families and new Oak Leaf friends.

Shirley is survived by her son James Brittell and wife, Karin of Lyndonville, VT and daughter Judith (Brittell) Tupper and husband, Nathaniel, of Yarmouth, ME. Her proud legacy includes grandchildren and their spouses, Shauna Barrett (Al), Justin Brittell (Brooke), and Ryan Brittell (Julie), and Jordan Tupper (Amanda), Samuel Tupper (Samantha), and Brian Tupper (Liddy). She delighted in the arrival of each great-grandchild, Colby and Ava Barrett, Hunter, Mason, and Finnley Brittell, Miles and Emerson Brittell, Cora and Ruthanne Tupper, Henry Tupper, and Margaret Mae Tupper.

Shirley spoke daily with her nearly 102-year-old sister, Helen Barney of St. Johnsbury, Vermont. She is also survived by several nieces, grandnieces, grandnephews, and great-grand nephews.

There was always a special place in her heart for her nephew, Robert Annan of Merrimack, NH, who is the son of Cal's late twin sister, Clarice. Bob lived with the Brittell family in Ashby, MA for many years. Bob and his wife, Brenda and their sons, Michael and Bobby were loved by both Cal and Shirley.

In addition to her husband Cal Brittell, and parents, Ludger and Anna Rondeau, she was pre-deceased by her brother Robert Rondeau, sister Barbara (Rondeau) Nason, and grandnephew, Bobby Annan.

Shirley built an overflowing address book cataloging friends and relatives from all facets of her long life. Known for her thoughtfulness and beautiful handwriting, she remembered details of her friend's and family's lives and was always certain to make a phone call or send a card to let them know they were close in thought. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends, especially her childhood friend, Sue Dearborn of Boston, MA.

Mrs. Brittell's Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Wednesday, September 18, 2024 in the Chapel at St. Benedict's Abbey, 252 Still River Road, Harvard. Shirley's family will receive relatives and friends at a visitation period at St. Benedict's Abbey from 9:30 until the time of the Mass. She will be buried beside her husband, Cal at St. Benedict's Abbey, Harvard, MA. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Benedict's Abbey, 252 Still River Road, Harvard, MA 01450.

The Anderson Funeral Homes, 250 Main Street, Townsend Center is assisting the family with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

St. Benedict's Cemetery

252 Still River Road
Harvard, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hour

SEP 18. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St.Benedict's Abbey
252 Still River Road
Harvard, MA 01451

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ Shirley was a ray of sunshine at Oakleaf 2, remembering people’s birthdays and special events. We share her love of nature and the birds. She will be missed.
Tony and Charlotte Ingersoll

charlotte Ingersoll - September 19, 2024 at 09:05 AM



“ Arletta & Angad Singh purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Shirley Ann (Rondeau) Brittell.



Arletta & Angad Singh - September 18, 2024 at 01:28 PM



“ Arletta & Angad Singh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Ann (Rondeau) Brittell.

Arletta & Angad Singh - September 18, 2024 at 01:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann (Rondeau) Brittell.



September 17, 2024 at 08:07 AM

TF

“ *The D’Angelo family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Shirley Ann (Rondeau) Brittell.*



The D’Angelo family - September 16, 2024 at 09:08 PM

FP

“ *From Neale and Pat purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Shirley Ann (Rondeau) Brittell.*



From Neale and Pat - September 16, 2024 at 06:00 PM

DS

“ *Diane S. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Shirley Ann (Rondeau) Brittell.*



Diane S. - September 16, 2024 at 12:43 PM

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“ *Diane S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Ann (Rondeau) Brittell.*

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DK

“ *Dave, Mark, Steve, John & Kathy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Shirley Ann (Rondeau) Brittell.*



Dave, Mark, Steve, John & Kathy - September 14, 2024 at
07:13 PM