



Shirley R. Quinty

July 28, 1923 - February 13, 2024

SHIRLEY: Shirley R. (Ruelle) Quinty, 100, of Shirley, died Tuesday evening February 13, 2024 at her home.

Shirley was “likely” born in Amherst, July 28, 1923, one of twelve children born to David and Ida (Cartier) Ruelle and grew up in West Springfield.

The first in her family to graduate from high school, Shirley worked briefly in the Springfield Armory in Springfield before moving to Shirley to reside with relatives in the area. She then worked several years at Samson Cordage Company in Shirley until, in 1949, she married Francis L. “Pat” Quinty.

Together they raised six children, Barbara J. Ehlmann and her husband, Jim of St. Charles, Missouri, James D. Quinty and his wife, Beth of Shirley, Donald J. Quinty and his wife, Mary Ann of Doylestown, PA, Edward A Quinty and his wife Sherri of Phoenix, AZ, Timothy P. Quinty and his wife, Zenaida of Houston, TX, and Leonard W. Quinty of Shirley (who passed away in 1990), along with his wife Maureen Quinty of York, Maine and Miami. Beach, FL. She also leaves fifteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Her husband of 50 years, Pat, died February 8, 1997.

She also leaves a beloved sister, Vivian O’Grady of Townsend, MA.

She is predeceased by her brothers, David, Roland, Lawrence, Bernard and Wendell; her sisters Beatrice Jourdain, Claire Maziarz, Doris Francis, Bernice Karolczak, and Anita Ruelle.

Shirley was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church in Shirley. She was the Captain of the Shirley Softball Team and an avid bowler until age 95, belonging to various leagues in the area.

Shirley was a strong, independent woman who loved and greatly influenced the Ruelle and Quinty families over her lifetime. In devotion she decorated her parent's graves at St. Thomas cemetery in West Springfield for 82 consecutive years.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 11am, Saturday, February 17th at St. Anthony's Church, 14 Phoenix Street, Shirley. Interment will be in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, through acts of kindness or a donation of your choice, lift up others in need.

There are no calling hours.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer is assisting the family with arrangements. www.andersonfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

St. Anthony's Cemetery

Shaker Road
Shirley, MA

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony's Church
14 Phoenix Street
Shirley, MA

Tribute Wall

MN

“ *To all the Quinty's. My sincere condolences! Your parents were great people!*

mike noeth - March 03, 2024 at 11:37 AM

KS

“ *My condolences and love to all of Aunt Shirley's family and friends. I have many fond memories of visiting with Aunt Shirley at family picnics from the late 1950's through at least the 1980's. My husband and I live one town over from West Springfield and will make it a point to seek out her parent's graves and offer prayers for all. A lovely woman who was blessed with a long life!
Karen (Quackenbush) Shear and Edward Shear*

Karen Shear - February 23, 2024 at 06:17 PM

JG

“ *Dear Tim and family. I'm sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. I always recalled when you hosted Boy Scout patrol meeting at the kitchen table that she always gave you the space you needed to lead. I hope you find comfort in the years of good memories. Much love to you - John Gendron*

John Gendron - February 18, 2024 at 11:30 AM

NT

“ *Nancy Tarbell lit a candle in memory of Shirley R. Quinty*



Nancy Tarbell - February 17, 2024 at 01:12 PM

DM

“ Remembering the good times, deepest sympathy Frog legs!

Darlene Moriarty - February 16, 2024 at 03:56 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley R. Quinty.



February 16, 2024 at 02:14 PM

GM

“ GERALD MORIARTY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley R. Quinty.

GERALD MORIARTY - February 16, 2024 at 02:14 PM

RI

“ So sorry to hear of Shirley's passing . We were neighbors for many years .

Dick & Sheila Lambert

Richard - February 16, 2024 at 10:34 AM

GM

“ Gerald M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley R. Quinty.

Gerald M. - February 15, 2024 at 08:01 PM

WA

“ Say hello to Lenney when you get upstairs, and to Pat my old boss at Shirley Fuel. Another part of "old Shirley" gone.

WILLIAM L ADAMSON - February 15, 2024 at 04:05 PM

LF

“ Love, The Lyons & Peddie families purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Shirley R. Quinty.



Love, The Lyons & Peddie families - February 14, 2024 at 06:00 PM

LF

“ Love, The Lyons & Peddie families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley R. Quinty.

Love, The Lyons & Peddie families - February 14, 2024 at 06:00 PM

DL

“ Barbara, Jim, Don, Ed and Tim may my thoughts and prayers be with you as you go through this difficult time. Your mom was very devoted to all of you and will surely be missed. Always made me feel at home when I visited way back when we were younger. Rest in peace Mrs. Quinty.

David A Lambert - February 14, 2024 at 12:16 PM