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Mrs. Shirley A. Norton, age 80, passed away early Wednesday morning, February 23, 2011 at a local nursing home. She was born December 27, 1930 to William A. and Edna (Gibson) Nichols in Vincennes, IN, and had lived in the Muskegon area for almost 70 years. Shirley worked as a cake decorator at Cole's Bakery and Ryke's Bakery for 40 years before retiring in 2004, and was a member of Fellowship Reformed Church. She also enjoyed reading, dancing, cross-word puzzles, listening to Christmas music, and being with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. SURVIVORS include 3 children, Susie (Mike) Kotecki of Fruitport, Bruce (Rachael) Norton of Bloomington, IN, Julie (Robert) Lewis of Muskegon; 7 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren (with 2 on the way). She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 brothers, Robert and Raymon Nichols, and 1 sister, Imogene Nichols. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held at 1:00 PM Monday, February 28, at Fellowship Reformed Church, with Rev. Greg VanderMeer officiating. There will be a time for fellowship with the family following the service. You may sign the family's on-line guest book at www.sytsemafh.com Contributions in memory of Mrs. Norton may be made to Fellowship Reformed Church. Arrangements by The Sytsema Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 737 Apple Ave. (231) 726-5210.



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Anonymous posted:

We are so glad to have met aunt Shirley even if for a short time. We loved her humor and to visit with her when she would come over. She was still cracking jokes even at the nursing home:)Her presence will be missed:)Steve & Mary (Nichols) Boxer & Daughters ~ Steven & Mary Boxer, Muskegon, Michigan contact me###imported-begin##Mary & Steven Boxer###imported-end##

February 28 at 3:55 PM



Anonymous posted:

Great Aunt Shirley was an amazing story teller:) She was the person that told me about my grandfather, Robert Nichols, someone that I wasn't able to meet in person but did through her:) I will always treasure the memories and the thoughtfulness when she made the cake for my wedding, what amazing talent she had:) Love AlwaysStacey & Nate (Boxer) Denman Family ~ Stacey Denman, Muskegon, Michigan###imported-begin##Stacey (Boxer) Denman###imported-end##

February 28 at 3:50 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Great Aunt Shirley's passing. I know I didn't get to meet her that long but I do remember all the times we did have together. She always made me laugh. You will be greatly missed.love you all.Kristina Farber (boxer)###imported-begin##Kristina (Boxer) Farber###imported-end##

February 28 at 3:46 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Great Aunt Shirley. I didn't know her long but the times I do remember will be charished. Thank you for all the laughs.Kristina (Boxer) Farber and family ~ kristina farber, muskegon, Michigan###imported-begin##Kristina (Boxer) Farber###imported-end##

February 28 at 3:44 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Family & Friends of Shirley,I share your sadness at her passing. Shirley was so warm and happy. Her memory for rhymes and funny jokes was amazing. At her best, she had a good word and a smile for everyone. What a sweetie!May the good Lord rest her soul.I expected to attend her funeral today, but, many complications have happened and I'm sorry I cannot be there.I will, however, hold your family up in prayer.Blessings to you all.##imported-begin##Deacon Tom Jurek, Chaplain at McAuley##imported-end##

February 28 at 5:16 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Bruce and family, Julie and Family, and Sue and Family,Vickie and I would like to express our sorrow at the passing of your mom. Shirley was always the kindest, sweetest person we have ever known and fun to be around. God has got another angel now and she will be cracking jokes and writing poems with Him in heaven. God certainly blessed you with such a mom as she was.##imported-begin##Jim and Vickie McElfish##imported-end##

February 27 at 3:58 PM



Anonymous posted:

Shirley was a really fun lady, I worked with her at Cole's bakery, and she taught me how to decorate cakes, and I still decorate cakes to this day, and I think of her when ever I put on the fance edging she taught me to do, it was her favorite part of the cake... She also made my wedding cake back in 1976... she will be missed by many..##imported-begin##Judy Lynn Carlisle##imported-end##

February 27 at 2:28 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Bruce, Rachael & family~Sending our Love & Condolence to you all at this time in the passing of your mom. Shirley was a wonderful Christian woman that we remember fondly in the many years we've been a part of Fellowship. How comforting to know, she now abides with our Lord in her Heavenly home. Keeping you in our prayers~ Fred & Janell Reichert##imported-begin##Fred & Janell Reichert##imported-end##

February 26 at 1:59 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Norton family, it was always a good time whenever Shirley was around. We so much enjoyed spending time with her whether it was at church or at a family party. She was such a friendly lady, very caring, creative & witty. She was always coming up with a cute or funny story (she was quite the storyteller) I know you will miss her terribly, but also know that she is now home & we'll all be united with her one day. Love, Ronda & Rich Kotecki###imported-begin##Ronda & Rich Kotecki###imported-end##

February 25 at 8:13 AM



Anonymous posted:

Mom.....It hurts mom. I love you so much. I can't even put into words how much I miss you. I can't help but be selfish and want you back but I know you are in a better place and that you are all better now. Once again with Mamaw and Papaw. And with God too.....wow ! It doesn't get any cooler than that. I look forward to seeing you again someday but in the meantime you are on my mind and in my heart every single day. With all my love Juke###imported-begin##Julie###imported-end##

February 24 at 5:50 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our deepest sympathy to you in Shirley's passing. She was a beautiful woman of God who loved the Lord and showed it in her walk. Her years on the prayer ministry at Fellowship were rewarding to many in need; she was a good prayer warrior. We were blessed to have known her through Church and through her special ability of baking delicious cakes for birthdays for us. Rest in peace Shirley. May God be with your dear family as they see you home, with Our Lord.###imported-begin##Bob and Corky Medendorp###imported-end##

February 24 at 2:44 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Susie, Julie, & Bruce and all grandkids, Our prayers are with all of you. Grandma Shirley was a really neat lady and her smile was so cute. She put a smile on everyones face. I also remember having Chell's & my birthday cakes one year made by her with our favorite Care Bears characters on them! And I think that I still have a picture of it! I remember sitting next to her in church, and then one Sunday I was in the 2's & 3's room all morning, and when she got home from church she called my Mom to see how I was because she didn't see me at church. I did call her back and to let her know that I was there and thanked her for thinking of me, I really appreciate it! God is so lucky to have her and she's in a much better place. She'll be looking down on you and say, "Hey look at that person, that's my kid or grandkid or friend!" Our deepest sympathy to all of you. My Mom and Dad are in Florida right now for a week and they do know about her passing, so they won't be able to attend the funeral. If we lived up there, we would definitely come to it. But I'll be thinking of you during that time. Take care! Sincerely, Becka & Tom Hoyt and Julie :-))##imported-begin##Rebecka Hoyt##imported-end##

February 24 at 12:33 PM



Anonymous posted:

Julie, Susie, Bruce and all your families. My heart is broken. Mrs. Norton was my second Mom for a lot of years and I will miss her terribly. My heart and prayers go out to you all. I love you Mrs. Norton. (((Hugs)))##imported-begin##Paula Porter Gonzalez##imported-end##

February 24 at 9:09 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Shirley A. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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