



## Shirlee Jane Hitter

November 9, 2020

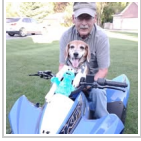
Shirlee Jane Hitter passed away on November 9, 2020. “Jane” was born April 24, 1943 in Ottawa, Illinois to Elmer and Jean Hitter. She graduated from Ottawa Township High School, then attended and graduated with a degree in Education from University of Illinois where she played the saxophone in the U of I marching band. Jane started her teaching career at Midlothian, IL, and moved to Rockford to continue teaching in Rockford Public Schools District 205 at Church School and West Middle School. She served many years as a volunteer at Contact and SwedishAmerican Hospital.

Jane loved to take car rides to both Starved Rock State Park and the Mississippi River to watch the eagles soar. Her favorite memories were visiting Walt Disney World, carving pumpkins each Halloween, and spending time with her extended family through the years.

Jane is survived by her sister, Joy Nordberg; nieces, Debbi (Bruce) Herriellers, Jeanann (Ken) Whitmore; nephews, Doug Kirk and Phil Nordberg; grand-nephews, Steven (Sarah) Whitmore, Jonathan (Melissa) Whitmore, and Michael (Katie) Whitmore as well as great-grand nieces and nephews and other extended family members. Jane is predeceased by her father, Elmer Hitter, mother Jean (Zenor) Hitter, and sister Joan Kirk and brother-in-laws B. Walter Nordberg and Walt Kirk.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt “thank you” to the staff at Enlivant CherryVale Place and Heartland Hospice for their care and compassion. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services assisted the family. Messages of condolence can be shared at [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com). Memorials may be given to Heartland Hospice, 6000 East State Street, Rockford, IL 61108.

# Tribute Wall



“ *I remember her as one of my teachers at Church School in the 1960s.*

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**Kathy Michaelson** - November 28, 2020 at 11:00 PM

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“ *Just wanted to say that I am sorry to hear about Jane's passing. Before teaching with her I also played tennis with her. I was lucky to have known her in more than one capacity! I know she will be missed.*

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**Audrey Dennis** - November 20, 2020 at 08:22 PM

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“ *I knew her as Jane at Cherryvale place. I was looking for a place for my Mother and Jane was one of the first people I met. We gave each other hugs when I came there to see Mom until the virus cut that short and by then Jane was upstairs. I enjoyed my visits with Jane and she always had something to tell me. I'm so sorry for you loss...my prayers and thoughts are with you. Bonnie Shields*

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**Bonnie Shields** - November 16, 2020 at 08:20 AM