



## Shirley Luann Pettis

December 26, 1934 - April 13, 2014

Shirley Pettis, Mother, Grandma and “GG” to her survivors, 79, of Rockford, died on April 13, 2014 at 3:15 a.m. in her home. She was born December 26, 1934 in Freeport, daughter of Ralph and Edith (Munz) Ports. Graduate of Polo High School, class of 1952, attended Northern Illinois University and married Jack D. Pettis on Dec. 18, 1971. Devoted most of her life to her family and friends and was always up-to-date with current events. She had a deep love for her many Schnauzers over the years, and for gardening, bowling, playing cards and traveling. She was also an avid Bears, CUBS, LSU and all-around sports fan. She was a member of Sweet Adelines, as well as chorus in college. Later in life, she became a member of the Lady Elks Organization, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Rockford Gardeners – Potpourri Club and served many years as an Election Judge in several area nursing homes. I know many of us will miss our daily telephone conversations with her, but most importantly her smile. Survived by her children, Kim (Bob Hachmeister) Carlson of Leaf River; Gregg (Julie Doucet) Pettis of Baton Rouge, LA; grandchildren, Megan (Brian) Holba, Lindsay (Steve Cunningham) Carlson, Michele Smith; great-grandchildren, Coldyn and Brentyn Holba. Preceded in death by her parents, and former husband, Jack D. Pettis. A Celebration of Shirley’s life will be on May 9, 2014 at 1 p.m. at Nicholas Conservatory, 1354 N 2nd St, Rockford, followed by an memorial gathering until 4 p.m. Dr. L. Rus Howard of Kishwaukee Community EPC Church will officiate. Private interment in Greenwood Cemetery. Flowers may be sent in Shirley’s name to the Nicholas

Conservatory and memorial contributions may be made to Northern Illinois Hospice or the American Cancer Society. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements, to share a memory or condolence, visit [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Nicholas Conservatory  
1354 N 2nd St  
Rockford, IL 61107

## Visitation

MAY 9. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Shirley Luann Pettis



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**Grace Funeral & Cremation Services** - May 16, 2014 at 10:12 AM

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“ Shirley Luann Ports Pettis

*The Best Friend Ever*

*I'll miss your beautiful spirit--  
The joy and love you gave  
to every occasion--  
And for always being  
my True Friend*

*Peace and Blessings*

*Pat Feick*

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**Pat** - May 01, 2014 at 02:34 PM

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“ Shirley put up with my ridiculous behavior in High School and she will always be my friend. Dr William J Mann

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**William J Mann** - April 24, 2014 at 06:14 PM

KM

“ Shirley loved animals. She loved my dog Cameron. She was the best dog sitter in the world. Cameron loved her and liked to go to her house. I loved her and loved to talk to her. She always had something important to say. Thanks, Shirley, We miss you, now and forever. Karen And Cameron

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**Karen Morris** - April 18, 2014 at 08:06 AM

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Shirley was a truly kind and thoughtful person. She kept in touch with us for the past several years concerning my mother-in-law Edythe Bailey. They were in garden club together and shared happy memories of their many gardening projects. My sympathy to her family. She was a very special lady. Pat Bailey

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**Pat** - April 20, 2014 at 02:23 PM