

Highland, KS



Shirley A. Simmons, 75, of Highland, a loving mother, friend and retired nurse, died of cancer April 15, 2020 in Wathena KS.

Shirley is survived by sisters: Kennetta Slavin and Vicki (Lonnie) Gray; Children: Wayne Simmons, Gloria Simmons, Lori Simmons and Jerry (Samantha) Simmons; 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren with one on the way.

She was preceded in death by parents: Kenneth Hobbs, Doris Phillips Hobbs, daughter Ruth Ann Simmons, son Kyle Simmons and grandson Jeremy Tilton.

Shirley was born April 3, 1945 in St. Joseph MO. Attended Elwood schools. At age 21 she got her GED. After working many jobs she got into the medical field becoming a CNA, certificate restorative aide, and home health aide. In 1989 she went on to become an LPN.

Shirley's values were strong: Love the Lord with all your heart, put blood family first and respect others.

Her favorite quote is "Remember in the darkness what He taught you in the light"
Growing up she went with family every Friday to Murphy's to eat cat fish. She said it was the best in town.

At age 67 she took a trip with her sister Vicki and family and Jerry and family to go white water rafting. She enjoyed every minute of it.

She loved chocolate and coffee. Milky Way candy bars were her choice and at one time was up to 52 cups of coffee a day.

Her favorite movie was To Kill A Mockingbird; book: the Bible and "Come Share The Being"
Dance: jitterbug; youth singer Elvis; Group: LAMB; song "Holy Water"

Shirley wants everyone to remember she loved the Lord and her family more than anything.

Private family services were held April 20, 2020, at the Highland Cemetery.

The Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, in Highland, is in charge of the arrangements.

A Celebration of Shirley's life will be held in the coming months. Due to the critical situation our country is in please remember the family during this difficult time. Consider sending a card, or a note on