



Shirley M. (Hartman) Franz

October 3, 1923 - July 15, 2009

Mrs. Shirley M. (Hartman) Franz, age 85, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Born in Utica on October 3, 1923, Shirley was the daughter of the late Frank and Edith (Bammert) Hartman. Raised and educated locally, she attended T. R. Proctor High School. On April 14, 1941 she married Louis W. Franz with whom she shared 53 years prior to his passing on December 4, 1994; they were true companions from the inception of their relationship, and their lives were filled with love, respect, honor, and traditions.

For Shirley, her home was her workplace, and she dedicated her love to her husband, children, and grandchildren. She radiated the values of motherhood and great strength of character throughout her life, and instilled those values into the lives of her loved ones. The blessing of six children and the way that she was honored by them throughout her life was what made her most proud. Shirley was kind-hearted and complimentary of others, and she lived a Christian and spiritual way of life. The holidays of Christmas, Thanksgiving, and birthday celebrations were meaningful and plentiful, as she loved to cook. She was one of the Yankees' greatest fans, and a wiz at crossword puzzles. She was also computer savvy and took advantage of the technology of today. Graced with a green thumb, she adorned her home with hearty plants and flowers that she cultivated and cared for. She was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/ Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Shirley is survived by her children and their spouses, Eileen and Daniel Sears

of Winter Haven, FL, and Susan M. and Thomas Druskis of Charlotte, NC; her sons and daughters-in-law, Louis W., Jr. and Judy Franz of Utica, Jeff Franz, who was devoted in caring for and living with his mom, and Scott and Lorrie Franz of Elizabethtown, KY. Always close to her heart was the memory of her son, William "Bill" Franz, who passed away in 2001. She also leaves her daughter-in-law, Beverly Franz of Utica; her 15 grandchildren; and her 14 great-grandchildren. Survivors also include her sisters, Rita Johnston of Rochester, and Mary Cox of Miamisburg, OH; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Howard and Alice Hartman of New York Mills, Willard and Elizabeth Hartman of FL, and Edmund and Rosemary Hartman of NC; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sisters-in-law, Sophie Hartman, and Kay Franz. She will also be missed by her faithful canine companion, Buster. She was predeceased by her brother, Francis Michael Hartman. The family extends a special thank you to Shirley's spiritual friend, MaryJane Bello, who was sharing the Eucharist with her.

Visitation will be held Friday (today) from 5:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions in Shirley's honor to the American Heart Association; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Shirley's funeral service will commence on Saturday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley M. (Hartman) Franz



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - July 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you all for your kind messages.
I miss my Mother sooo much, but with your blessings, I will move forward as she would want me to. FYI, "Buster" is now at rest with Mom as well.##imported-begin##Jeff ##imported-end##

July 23, 2009 at 03:07 PM



“ Dear Jeff and family,
I was so sorry to hear about Aunt Shirley. She was one special lady - I will always remember her smile and how really nice she was to all of us "kids". I know that she is in heaven and her and Mike are catching up. Her legacy is her wonderful family and all the kindness she showed everyone who knew her. All our prayers are with you. Karen, Jerry, Katie and Jerome Mulligan##imported-begin##Karen and Jerry Mulligan, Katie and Jerome##imported-end##

July 22, 2009 at 10:45 PM



“ Dear Jeff, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mother. No words can help you at this moment but you certainly are not alone at this time and truly she is in the loving arms of Jesus. Our hearts don't like to let go and it does take time but you will be thought of by many as you were a very caring son.

Love and Peace

Shirley###imported-begin##Shirley Mario###imported-end##

July 21, 2009 at 03:34 AM



“ Jeff, I'm sorry to hear about your mother and being unable to attend the funeral since I am out of town. My condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. Antoinette###imported-begin##Antoinette Bono###imported-end##

July 17, 2009 at 07:45 PM



“ Dear Scott, Lorrie, Patrick, Deanna and Kyle,
So very sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Franz. Our deepest sympathy are with you and your family.

David, Charmaine, Kevin and Matthew Donato###imported-begin##Charmaine###imported-end##

July 17, 2009 at 04:28 PM



“ To the entire Franz family: Our deepest condolences to all of you. Shirley was always such a warm and friendly person. You have a wonderful family. Please call us if there is anything that you need.###imported-begin##Michele & Tony Ricci & family###imported-end##

July 17, 2009 at 01:57 PM



“ Dear Eileen, Susie, Louie, Scott, Bev and family,

We were so saddened to hear of Aunt Shirley's passing. She had such a gentle spirit with such a kind heart. I always enjoyed being around her. She was always interested in what you had to say and was always uplifting. I know my father, Bill and Louie are welcoming her home with open arms. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love Jeanne, Jim and Christian Tardif

Jeanne M. Tardif

July 17, 2009 at 01:10 PM



“ Jeff and family, we are sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Joe, JoAnn, Nicole & Danielle

Joe & JoAnn DeSimone

July 16, 2009 at 10:27 PM



“ Franz Cousins and Family

Shirley, with out a doubt, was a most loving and caring person. This is most evident in the children that she raised. Please accept our sincere sympathy.

Love Lou And Adrienne Kloster

Lou and Adrienne Kloster

July 16, 2009 at 06:43 PM



“ Jeff, so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of need. It has been a pleasure knowing Shirley in the short period of time in meeting you and your family. You both opened your doors to a stranger with love and kindness. I will always be grateful for that. Mayla will always look in your door to see if Shirley is there to say Hi to her grandma. We are here for you if you ever need anything. Please dont hesitate to ask.

Love,
The Semaia Family##imported-begin##The Semaia
Family##imported-end##

July 16, 2009 at 06:29 PM



“ Gram you stopped by the other day out of the blue to see the boys. When I found out god took you away from us,he knew it was time. Your now with Grandpa and U. Bill and they missed you just as much as we do now. We all love you and miss you very much.
Love always,
Shannon,David,DJ and Daniel##imported-
begin##Shannon##imported-end##

July 16, 2009 at 04:17 PM



“ Jeff and Family,
My heartfelt sympathy for your loss. Thank God she had a wonderful Son like you to take care of her. Always remember, a Mother's Love lives in the hearts of her children.
Love, Carolyn##imported-begin##Carolyn Faccioli##imported-
end##

July 16, 2009 at 03:27 PM



“ Jeff,
My prayers and thoughts are with you at this very difficult time. I hope you find comfort in all the memories you have of your Mom. You were a very loving and devoted son, and I am sure she is smiling down on you right now.##imported-begin##Susan Lamberto##imported-end##

July 16, 2009 at 10:09 AM



“ Jeff and family,
Your mom was a very sweet, special lady. As you hold her close in memory, even though you are apart, her spirit will live on, there within your heart ...Remember, she is with you always. When you lean on trusted friends and their caring hugs enfold you, within their loving arms, she'll be there to hold you ...and someday,beyond the far horizon we will all finally be together, where love will be eternal and life will last forever. Please know we are always there for you. Love, Flo, Tom and Amanda##imported-begin##Flo DeSimone##imported-end##

July 16, 2009 at 08:46 AM



“ So sorry to learn of Mrs. Franz's passing... She was part of our extended family...part of the Greer Ohana...and her memory will be forever cherished.

Warmest regards to our Franz cousins in your combined moment of sorrow and celebration of her life.

Aloha All.##imported-begin##Mark & Laura Greer##imported-end##

July 16, 2009 at 01:32 AM



“ *Scott, Jeff and Family,
We have been like brothers growing up. We are sad to hear of Shirley's passing. Please don't hesitate to call if there is anything we can do.
Our Condolences, Georgia Greers'###imported-begin###Dan and Sue Greer###imported-end###*

July 15, 2009 at 07:12 PM



“ *Shirley, You have a beautiful family and have always treated me like a part of it.I will always remember that and thank you for it.You are in heaven now and just like here on earth,Jeff is right there beside you to help you in the ways only he has always done like no other person could have.You are a special person ,as is Jeff in my life and will never be forgotten.While you are in heaven,say hello to my Mom and Dad.
With Much Love,
Dominic###imported-begin###Dominic N Longo###imported-end###*

July 15, 2009 at 05:57 PM