



Shirley Marian Auten Keistler

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Shirley Marian Auten Keistler passed away on Saturday April 13, 2019. She was born June 7, 1935 in Walterboro, SC to the late Horace Warren Auten and Freida Gasque Auten. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 39 years Joseph Lee Keistler, brothers William Lee (Bill) and Joseph Lee (Joe) Auten, and sister Jean A. McClure.

Shirley graduated from North Mecklenburg High School in 1953, attended the Women's College of UNC (Greensboro) and Completed the Commercial Course in 1954. She worked as a Secretary for Acker Baugh in Charlotte. She married Joseph Lee Keistler on June 23, 1957. Joe and Shirley operated 2 fabric businesses, Joe's Fabrics in Huntersville and Natex, Inc. in Denver, NC. Shirley was a member of Cornelius Presbyterian Church and a Charter Member of Seaside United Methodist Church in Ocean Isle Beach, NC.

Shirley enjoyed playing bridge and developed lifelong friendships from this club. She was a part of a book club with members from Cornelius Presbyterian Church. Family was very important to her, always hosting an annual Christmas gathering at her Lake Norman home in addition to numerous gatherings at her Ocean Isle Beach home. She treasured these gatherings and touched many lives with her kindness and caring for others.

Shirley is survived by three children, Mrs. Lynda Keistler Thomas and husband, Lawrence E. Thomas III of Concord, Ms. Shirley Elizabeth Keistler of Asheville and Michael Kemmett Keistler of Cheyenne, WY, Grandchildren, Mikayla Keistler of Cary and Payton Thomas of Concord, Sisters, Anne Torrence Gillispie of Williamston (NC), Mary Elise (Mayme) Webb of Garland, TX, Numerous Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, Aunts/Uncles, Special Friends, Denise Houser, Cindy Belk, and Jennifer (Deedy) Auten and her dedicated cat, Callie.

Special Thanks of Care to Morningside of Concord and the 4th Floor Staff of Carolinas HealthCare System (Atrium)-NorthEast in Concord



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Visitation will take place at James Funeral Home, 10520 Arahova Drive, Huntersville, NC on Thursday April 18th from 5-7pm. Funeral Services at James Funeral Home on Friday April 19th at 11am.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org or mail donations to Alzheimer's Association, Western Carolina Chapter, 4600 Park Road, Suite 250, Charlotte, NC 28209.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com




Events


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Visitation

 **Thursday**, April 18, 2019

 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **James Funeral Home**
10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville NC 28078



Funeral Service

 **Friday**, April 19, 2019

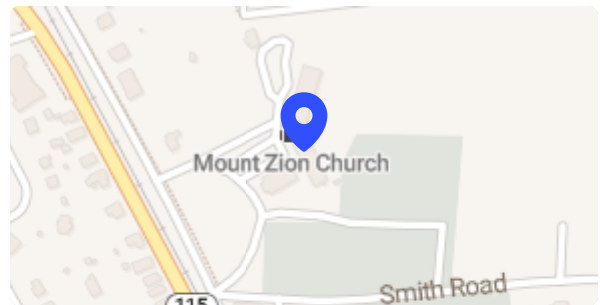
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

 **James Funeral Home**
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Cemetery Details

 **Mt. Zion Community Cemetery**
19600 Zion Ave., Cornelius NC 28031





Tribute Wall

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Kiki Reid posted:

My sincere sympathy to Shirley, Lynda and Michael in the loss of their Mother. I loved going to their house as a young child and enjoyed her fabric shop, too. I can't believe we could have reconnected at OIB - her church there was very close to my family's place at the beach- and many times I thought, I should go check out the service at Seaside. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

May 4 at 4:44 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Keistler family.



April 15 at 9:20 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Keistler family.



April 15 at 6:20 AM



Sharon Sharp posted:

What a truly beautiful soul! I don't remember a time Shirley and Joe were not in my life. My mother made most of our clothes and so we were often at Joe's Fabrics enjoying Joe while Momma and Shirley got the fabric and notions together.....not sure she enjoyed our visits as much as we did. Still she was always kind to us no matter how much trouble we might have caused. When I was clerk of session at Cornelius Presbyterian Shirley was a true blessing to me and the church as a whole. I said one time I wanted to start a book club she said yes to everything I needed. I said let's do a prayer shawl ministry she "found" me some yarn to get the ministry started, the same when I wanted to get the little girls involved with a blanket ministry.....fleece appeared.....and if I every had dreams that were not really practical she found a way to get me to see the reason and still made me think I was smarter than the average bear. She provided me a place of respite more times than I can think. I am blessed to have known Shirley and I thank God for the blessing she has been to my life. Thank you to her family for sharing her. My love and prayers are with you all.

April 14 at 12:42 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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