



Shirley A. Ballard

November 24, 1941 - July 23, 2017

Shirley A. Ballard, daughter of Wilbur and Mary (Hall) Conkel was born November 12, 1941 in Ankeny, Iowa. She is a graduate of Ankeny High School and the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

Shirley was a detective for the Polk County Sheriff Office, a communications operator with Ankeny Police Department and retired as an Investigator with the Polk County Attorney's Office. She was a founding member of the Rape Crisis Team (Victim Services) and served on the board for ASFME Union for a few years.

Shirley enjoyed maintaining her flower gardens and keeping up five sets of family history books. For years she met monthly with friends and family to quilt and craft.

Survivors in her husband, Dennis L. Ballard, daughter Melissa (Dave) Jones, stepchildren Darin (Susan) Ballard, Jerrine (Joe) Lenaghan, Mary Ballard, Donald (Amy) Ballard and Jennifer Ballard; Grandchildren Blair, Jenna and Cole Jones; John Ballard and Mary Grace Reynolds; Matt and Jason Lenaghan; Tim and Andrew Ballard; Ellen and Nick Ballard; Jackson Naset; seven great grandchildren; brother Sid (Barb) Conkel; sister Sue (Dennis) Nelson. Brother-in laws Clifford Ballard, Leonard (Sheryl) Ballard, sister-in laws Margie Burgess, Betty (Ken) Danley, Phyllis (Mike) Hastie, Connie

Ballard, Karen Ballard. Many special nephews, nieces and cousins.

Preceded in death by her parents Wilbur and Mary Conkel and son Devlin Reynolds.

Memorial contributions can be made to Taylor House.

NOTE DATE OF FUNERAL:

A Celebration of Shirley's Life will be 4pm-7pm, Thursday, July 27, 2017 at the Vittoria Lodge, 7200 NW 2nd Ave., Ankeny, Iowa.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

JUL 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Vittoria Lodge
7200 NW 2nd Ave,
Ankeny, IA

Tribute Wall

RC

“ Shirley was a great professional and an even better friend. I worked with her throughout my law enforcement career and she was a mentor to me as I began that career. She will be remembered as someone who had meticulous attention detail in her job and a heart as big as the world when dealing with people. She touched the lives of countless people in a positive way in her career and in her personal life. I am honored she was my friend.

Randy Cross

Randy Cross - July 27, 2017 at 08:00 PM

YR

“ Your friends at Forever Home Dog Rescue purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shirley A. Ballard.



Your friends at Forever Home Dog Rescue - July 27, 2017 at 11:24 AM

KW

“ To begin to share this memory with Shirley we would have to go back to the day when we were 5 and just beginning kindergarten. We went all of our school lives TOGETHETER. We spent the nights together, we studied together, we had fun together, we played together, we grew up together. I really do not know what else to say. She was such an awesum lady and such a loyal friend. The words to describe her would never be enough to tell you who she really was. She had a heart that beat for kindness, love, and just who she was. If you knew her you knew that she would never quit. My heart is there for her family and friends because I know that they are grieving, but then I know that they are resolute in the fact that she is out of pain. Shirley, love you!!!!!!

karen Wittenbeck - July 26, 2017 at 07:35 PM

JF

“ Janet Frost lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Ballard



Janet Frost - July 26, 2017 at 06:23 AM

JF

I am so sorry. Such a beautiful lady.

Janet Frost - July 26, 2017 at 06:25 AM

CR

“ Cheryl Reeves purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Shirley A. Ballard.



Cheryl Reeves - July 25, 2017 at 09:34 PM

DF

“ *Dick & Mo Fontana purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Shirley A. Ballard.*



Dick & Mo Fontana - July 25, 2017 at 06:09 PM

JL

“ *The world lost a great person, when Shirley died. I worked with her for many years at the Polk County Sheriff's Office and when she was an investigator for the County Attorney. She was a great woman, a personal friend who was fun to work with and be around. She could be very serious about her work and was also light hearted about things. Don't know anyone who didn't enjoy working with her. She could raise hell if you crossed her. I always considered her as a sister, who would help you if you needed her. My wife (Sue) and I will miss her great smile and laugh. Our thought and prayers are with Denny, Sid, and their families. R.I.P. Shirley. LOVE YOU. Jim and Sue Locke Retired Lt. PCSO*

Jim Locke - July 25, 2017 at 01:40 PM

DJ

“ *I'm so very thankful my path crossed with Shirley in recent years. I treasure the conversations I had with her & was blessed by her perspectives & outlook & attitudes. Certain words & positions that reflect her spirit & heart will remain with me always, I will forever carry that part of her with me. May God comfort and strengthen all of her family as you cope with your loss.*

*Sincerely,
Denise & Alan Jones*

Denise Jones - July 25, 2017 at 12:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Ballard.*



July 25, 2017 at 11:55 AM



“ *Denny, Shirley and I grew up together. She has always been a joy. We had some wonderful, memorable times with our families. Lots of happy memories. Rest in peace my friend. Dixie Powell, family of Gordon and Helen Dixon.*



Dixie Powell - July 25, 2017 at 11:55 AM



“ *I was sorry to hear of Shirley' passing. R.I.P*

Ted Prine

Ted Prine - July 25, 2017 at 11:03 AM



“ *Denny and family,
My sincere condolences I always enjoyed working around Shirley she always had a beautiful smile and was always friendly and willing to help if needed, your family is my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely
Michelle Medici Mahlstadt*

Michelle Mahlstadt - July 25, 2017 at 08:47 AM

DW

“ *What a shock to read about Shirley. My sincere condolences to the family. I have been going to bring some family history to her for a couple of years, now I see it is too late. She was always a very giving and loving person. She and my husband (Dale Brady) were cousins.*

Donella Watkinson - July 24, 2017 at 10:21 PM

MM

“ *There are many fond and humorous memories when Shirley, Dick Hermann and I worked together from 1971-1973....R.I.P., buddy.*
Michael McMurry

Michael McMurry - July 24, 2017 at 09:58 PM

SS

“ *I worked with Shirley when she was with the County Attorney's office. She was one of the most colorful people I have ever met. She always had a smile and a laugh, no matter what the circumstances were. I know she will truly be missed by myself and so many others. Thoughts and prayers to her family!*
Sharon Schinkel

Sharon Schinkel - July 24, 2017 at 07:26 PM

PC

“ *Glad we had a moment to talk at some of the family reunions.*
Sympathy and love to you.

Patricia Coffie - July 24, 2017 at 05:32 PM

TS

“ *You all have my deepest sympathy and love. So sorry for your loss.*

Trudy Scow - July 24, 2017 at 04:48 PM

CL

“ *I am so sorry. Shirley was a beautiful soul. She always had a smile, a kind word, and a sparkle in her eyes . What a blessing to have known her! Condolences to all the family!*

Christine Lyon - July 24, 2017 at 04:01 PM