



## Shirley Parton

November 19, 1946 - September 1, 2020

Shirley Hall Parton, age 73 of Newport, passed away peacefully on the morning of September 1, 2020. Her devoted husband of 40 years, Gene Parton, was by her side. In her prime, Shirley worked for Sonoco Products in Newport for 28 years. She had an infectious laugh, great sense of humor and she made friends wherever she went. Shirley was blessed with a green thumb and could grow anything. She was also a great cook and made the best buttermilk biscuits. Shirley fiercely fought for what she believed in and she was a staunch advocate for her daughter LaRhonda Watts, whom she loved dearly. Shirley was an animal lover too and during her life she had many cherished companion pets that she babied. Always game for an adventure, Shirley has played the slots in Vegas, ridden the subways in New York City, and relaxed on the beach with her sister on their “girls only trips.” Born the youngest of seven, Shirley was preceded in death by her parents Thomas and Annie Hall, her siblings Wanda Gosnell (Leonard Gosnell), Jo A. Self, Carolyn Ferguson (Paul Ferguson), Tootsie Moore (Love Moore), Audrey Burrell (Guy Burrell), and Paul Hall. She is survived by her husband Gene Parton, daughter LaRhonda Watts, and her step-daughter Candance Parton. She is also survived by her brother-in-law Keith Self and many nieces and nephews. Graveside service will be at 11:00 am, Friday, September 4, 2020 at Union Cemetery with Rev. Billy Ball officiating. Burial will follow. The family ask for everyone’s safety, that all attendees wear face mask and practice social distancing.

If you wish to commemorate Shirley's life, in lieu of flowers, please plant something in your garden or yard in her memory.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

SEP 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Cemetery  
Newport, TN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Parton*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Shirley I haven't seen you in many years. But wherever I saw you, you were always a bright spot in my day! God Bless you and keep you dear. My condolences to your husband and your beloved daughter! Fly high my friend!*

**Anna Wohlwender** - September 05, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ *Worked with Shirley at Sonoco was a good friend had not seen her in years but I loved her we had a lot of laughs together RIP my friend*



**Cookie Ramsey** - September 04, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ *Sorry for this loss. Friends for many years at work and away. She will be missed by many. Prayers that the family can have peace in their hearts during this most difficult time*

**Rhonda Ottinger** - September 03, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about Shirley she will be missed*

**Debbie Keller** - September 03, 2020 at 03:15 PM

BA

“ Our trips to Tennessee growing up was some of the most memorable times in my life. Music playing, happy cousins and some of the best fried chicken I'd ever eaten. Aunt Shirley loved me like I was one of own and I took great pride being her favorite 😊. I miss our predawn phone calls where we could knock out a pack of ciggs and a pot of Coffee before dawn , going to “The Doll”, and planning our next adventure. Shirley always stayed true to herself and was the most honest person I've ever met....remember our promise Shirley ...lol...Brian

brian anderson - September 03, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ Gene, Rhonda & Candy It hurts my heart to hear about Shirley. We sure had some great times & made precious memories that I will always treasure. Please know you guys are in my thoughts & prayers. Fly high my beautiful friend.



Audrey Owenby - September 03, 2020 at 08:55 AM

JL

“ My sweet Shirley ❤️ She's a resident I'll always cherish. She was always the sunshine on a cloudy day for me. I love you so much sweet lady ❤️ You'll forever be a piece of my heart! -Baby

Jennifer Lane - September 03, 2020 at 05:07 AM

JR

“ Remember Shirley from our elementary days at the old West End School  
She was always a sweetheart  
So your family's loss

June Holt Russell - September 02, 2020 at 02:10 PM

LB

“ So sorry to hear of your loss.  
Our thoughts and prayers are  
with you all. May God offer each  
of you comfort in the days ahead.  
Louise & Kristie Brown

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**Louise Brown** - September 02, 2020 at 01:46 PM