



Shirley Ann Montgomery Cowherd

January 25, 1938 - December 9, 2023

Shirley Ann Montgomery Cowherd was born January 25, 1938 in Lebanon Kentucky to Alene Gunn and Thomas Montgomery. She was the oldest of seven children. She was preceded in death by her parents Alene and Thomas and three siblings, Thomas Montgomery, Jr., Betty Edelyn and Joseph Montgomery.

Shirley was a graduate of Rosenwald High School, Class of 1957. She later enrolled in Saint Catharine College, where she took secretarial courses.

On June 27, 1959, Shirley married William “Bill” Cowherd. They moved to Louisville and began their lives of more than 64 years together. Shirley worked early on as a domestic worker, cooking and cleaning for others. Later she worked at Dealers Transport for many years, where her secretarial training went to good use. Lastly, she worked at National Processing Company, where she retired early.

Shirley was a very good seamstress. She could sew an entire outfit, jacket, skirt and pants, overnight, and ready to wear at the next evening’s event.

Shirley loved to change up the decor in the house, often wallpapering an entire room on a Friday evening. The next morning we would wake up to a fresh new room after the overnight makeover.

She could be fiercely competitive, especially when it came to playing card games, where she rarely lost, since she made sure to win at all cost.

She loved bowling and had been on several leagues throughout the years.

Shirley's favorite pastime was traveling over the road in their motorhome. They traveled a few times a year with many others that became their lifelong friends. She enjoyed those trips immensely as she was a social butterfly and loved being around people. She truly treasured the camping trips and the many friends that she met while on those trips.

Shirley loved riding in the car, and Bill was an expert driver who took her wherever she wanted to go up until the day before her passing. Her last day was spent shopping at the mall, which she loved to do and eating at one of her new favorite restaurants, Pier 17.

At 85 years of age, she is survived by her husband of more than 64 years, Bill Cowherd; children, Cassandra Cowherd (Kip) and Yolanda Cowherd, siblings; Joyce Hayden (Benny), Alene Scott (Sam), Susan McKay (Calvin) and a host of in-laws, nieces and nephews and lastly her grandson, Kameron Cowherd, he was her everything.

Visitation: 9am-11am Friday, December 15, 2023, at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, 2042 Buechel Bank Rd., funeral service to follow at 11am. Burial: Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

1600 Newburg Rd
Louisville, KY 40204

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Bartholomew Church
2042 Buechel Bank Rd.
Louisville, KY 40218

Service

DEC 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

FC

“ *Cassandra and Lonnie, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. May God be with you through this difficult time.*

Fran Crawford - December 19, 2023 at 12:52 PM

MS

“ *Praying the family finds peace and comfort carrying the memories of Shirley in their hearts.*
Mildred Scott

Mildred Scott - December 16, 2023 at 10:36 AM



“ *EBN Mother - 9" Ebony Angel Figurine was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Montgomery Cowherd.*



December 14, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Montgomery Cowherd.*



December 13, 2023 at 02:09 PM

SW

“ *She was just at my mom's funeral! Shirley always greeted you with a megawatt smile. She was a lovely lady and will be missed.*

Our sympathy,

The Weathers Family

Sharon Weathers - December 13, 2023 at 10:26 AM

BF

“ *Bobby Montgomery & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Ann Montgomery Cowherd.*

Bobby Montgomery & Family - December 13, 2023 at 10:10 AM

BF

“ *Bobby Montgomery & Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shirley Ann Montgomery Cowherd.*



Bobby Montgomery & Family - December 13, 2023 at 10:10 AM

DK

“ *Devon and Kata planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Ann Montgomery Cowherd.*

Devon and Kata - December 13, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Montgomery Cowherd.*



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“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Montgomery Cowherd.*



December 11, 2023 at 06:04 PM



“ *I met Shirley and her family through my deceased mom, Vera Pettway. Shirley was a sweetheart. So sorry for the family's loss. May she rest in peace.*

Delois Smith - December 11, 2023 at 02:51 PM



Miss Shirley was my neighborhood mom growing up on Broadmoor. Her and my mother probably shared many stories regarding sewing techniques. Sandy was my adopted big sis and Lon and I grew up together and played many days with other our neighborhood friends. She will truly be missed. Prayers to the family for peace and comfort.

Kim Reed Hickman - December 15, 2023 at 01:47 PM