



Shirley Ross Megaris

February 19, 1941 - July 30, 2021

Shirley Ross Megaris, age 80 of Graysville, entered the presence of the Lord on Friday afternoon, July 30, 2021, at Memorial Hospital surrounded by her loving family. She was born on February 19, 1941, in Knoxville, the daughter of the late William Oscar and Martha (Brewer) Pratt. Shirley was also preceded in death by her two brothers, Tommy Pratt and W.O. Pratt.

Shirley was born and raised in Knoxville and moved to Rhea County in 1981. She received her high school diploma, and later attended International Barber & Style College of Chattanooga. She worked as a seamstress for Burlington Factory in Knoxville and Delong Sporting Goods in Dayton. She was a Master Barber until she retired at the age of 72. Shirley loved her Lord, and she loved people, reading her devotions and her Bible, sewing, crocheting, cooking, being with her family and her fur babies. She also loved attending church until she could no longer physically attend.

She is survived by her children, Tammy (Bill) Laurence of Fayetteville, NC, Ricky Needham, Yvonne (Richard) Stines, Donnie (Kristy) Needham all of Rhea County, and Jerry (Carol) Megaris of Rossville, GA; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one brother, Arnold (Faye) Pratt; and sister, Nancy Lawson, both of Knoxville.

Graveside funeral services will be held Monday, August 2, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

at Rhea Memory Gardens in Dayton with Pastor Calvin Nunley officiating.

Please share your memories and photos of Shirley on her online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home where there will be a drive through visitation and viewing Monday from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Social distancing and wearing of face masks is requested.

Cemetery Details

Rhea Memory Gardens

Highway 27 Bypass P.O. Box 148
Dayton, TN 37321
(423) 775-2662

Previous Events

Graveside Funeral

AUG 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Rhea Memory Gardens
Hwy 27
Dayton, TN

Tribute Wall

DP

“ One of my favorite memories was when she moved to Chattanooga. She lived not far from us and she wanted me to go with her downtown. I was 14 at this time. We took wrong turns and laughed all the way.
I am so sorry for your loss. She will be missed by so many. She was an awesome lady. Her smile always lit up a room.

Deborah Paschal - August 02, 2021 at 09:12 AM



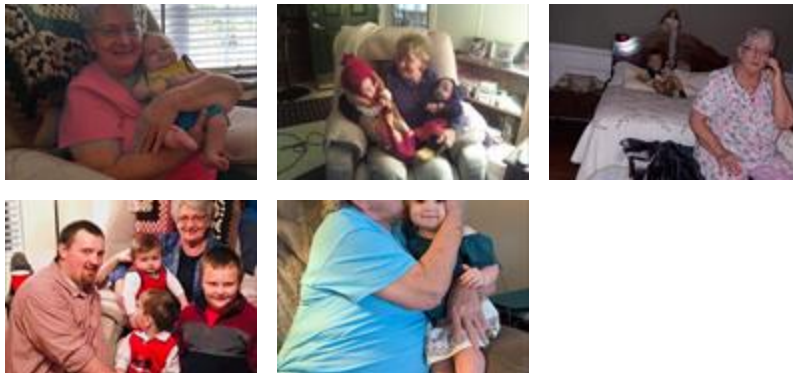
“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Ross Megaris.



August 01, 2021 at 09:57 PM

DP

“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



devin paschal - August 01, 2021 at 08:50 PM

YS

So many precious memories ❤️

Yvonne Stines - August 01, 2021 at 09:46 PM

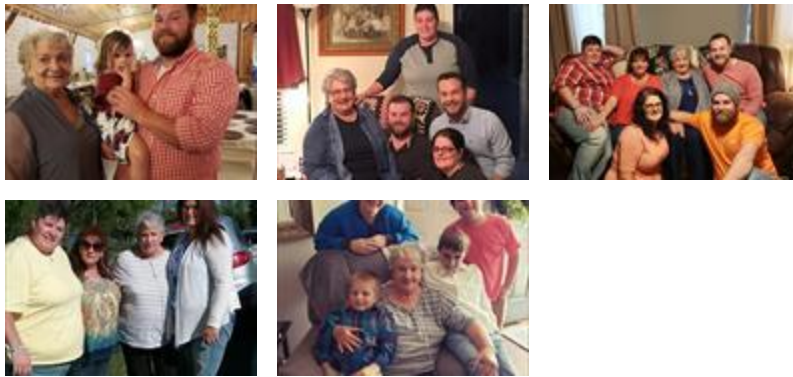
MS

*“ I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Love Missy Lawson Skidmore*

Missy Skidmore - August 01, 2021 at 07:17 PM

DP

“ We love you so much mamaw!



Danielle Paschal - August 01, 2021 at 05:56 PM



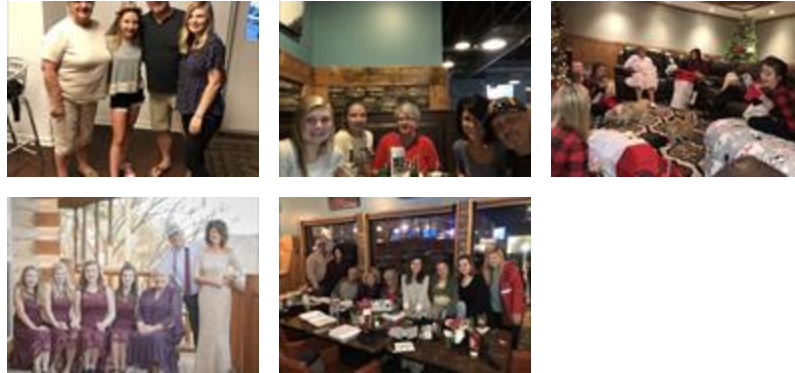
*“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Shirley Ross Megaris.*



August 01, 2021 at 05:22 PM

DN

“ 24 files added to the tribute wall



Donald G. Needham - August 01, 2021 at 03:51 PM

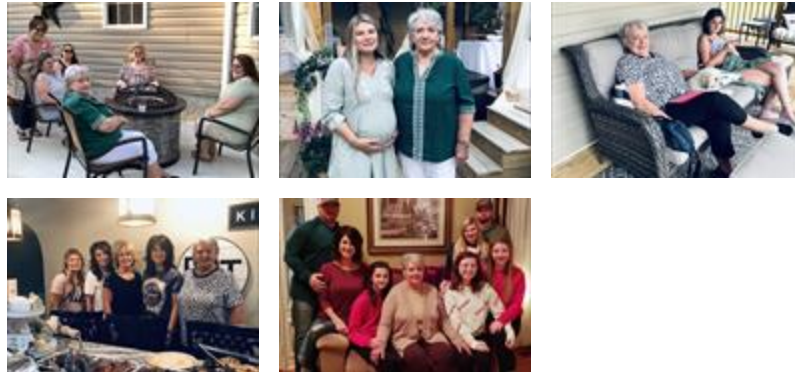
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Precious memories ❤️

Yvonne Stines - August 01, 2021 at 09:50 PM

KN

“ 26 files added to the tribute wall



kristy needham - August 01, 2021 at 03:26 PM

DM

“ Thinking and Praying for all of you.
Dan Morgan

Dan Morgan - August 01, 2021 at 01:15 PM

LF

“ *Laurence Family purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Shirley Ross Megaris.*



Laurence Family - August 01, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ *Garden of Sweet Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Ross Megaris.*



August 01, 2021 at 08:26 AM

JB

“ *Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*



James, Kristi & Noah Berry - August 01, 2021 at 08:08 AM

BD

“ *Donnie and family.
We are sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Keith, Bev and Molly Duckett

Bev Duckett - August 01, 2021 at 07:45 AM

SB

“ Yvonne & Family,
Im so sorry to hear about Shirleys passing!
Praying for all the family & friends for
Comfort, Strength and Peace that passeth all
understanding for yall during this time! Love
yall



Selina Beasley-Owens - July 31, 2021 at 11:51 PM

JM

“ We all knew Shirley as “Mamaw Shirley” because she welcomed
you & loved you whether you was family or not. Shirley Megaris is
one of the sweetest ladies I’ve ever known & her buttermilk pies
was to die for! She will be surely be missed!

Jamie Hall McMillon - July 31, 2021 at 09:31 PM

DJ

“ She was a wonder lady! She will greatly be
missed...



Dona Jordan - July 31, 2021 at 09:05 PM

PD

“ Pauline Dennis lit a candle in memory of
Shirley Ross Megaris



Pauline Dennis - July 31, 2021 at 09:00 PM

TF

“ *Teddy Stout And Family lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ross Megaris*



Teddy Stout and family - July 31, 2021 at 08:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Ross Megaris.*



July 31, 2021 at 08:12 PM

VS

“ *Vickie Stout lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ross Megaris*



Vickie Stout - July 31, 2021 at 08:12 PM