



Shirley Marie Smith

June 7, 1966 - August 15, 2025

Shirley Marie Smith, 59, of Greensboro, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family.

Born on June 7, 1966, in Annapolis, MD, she was the daughter of William Speas and Irene Koc Speas. Shirley graduated with the Class of 1984 from North Carolina High School. She continued her education at Wesley College, earning her bachelor's degree, and later received a master's degree in education from Salisbury University.

Shirley was a dedicated educator for over 20 years, touching countless lives with her compassion, patience, and love for learning.

She loved to travel with her husband, Bill, she had a love for sightseeing out west. Shirley also had a deep passion for cooking and found joy in preparing meals for her family, often sharing cherished stories from her childhood growing up alongside her siblings and cousins.

Above all, her children and grandchildren were the center of her world, and she poured her heart into being a devoted mother and grandmother.

Along with her parents, Shirley is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bill Smith, and her brother, John Speas.

She leaves behind a beautiful legacy through her three children: Clara Lituski (Joe), Rene Wright (Tyler), and Sonny Wright (Kristyn); and eight grandchildren who will carry her memory forward: J.J. Davis, Cheyanne Davis, Robbie Gribble, Kista Gribble, Ryker Lituski, Joseph Wright IV, Ollie Brannon, and Everson Brannon (due in October). One brother Bill Speas, and three

nieces and nephew, John Speas, Kyle Speas, and Emily Speas.

A visitation will be held at Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home on Friday, August 22, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Ridgely, MD.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made in memory of Mrs. Shirley Smith to a charity or cause close to your heart.

Shirley will be remembered for her warmth, her laughter, and the love she gave so freely. Her spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Fleegle & Helfenbein Funeral Home, P.A.
106 W. Sunset Ave.
Greensboro, MD 21639

Funeral Mass

AUG **22**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Benedict's Catholic Church
408 Central Avenue
Ridgely, MD 21660

Tribute Wall



“ *Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home, PA created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Marie Smith*



Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home - August 22, 2025 at 10:53 AM

PB

“ *I am very Sad to hear this news of Shirley passing. We were Classmates and College Mates. She was ALWAYS so cheerful and met everyone with a smile. She is truly missed. Prayers to her family! Peyton Bailey*



Peyton Bailey - September 22, 2025 at 02:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Marie Smith.*



August 21, 2025 at 08:37 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley Marie Smith.*

August 21, 2025 at 08:37 PM

BF

“ Bill Speas & Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Shirley Marie Smith.



Bill Speas & Family - August 21, 2025 at 08:06 AM

BF

“ Bill Speas & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Marie Smith.

Bill Speas & Family - August 21, 2025 at 08:06 AM

HO

“ Hope lit a candle in memory of Shirley Marie Smith



Hope - August 20, 2025 at 09:48 PM

LS

“ Love, Bob and Rebecca Shoemith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shirley Marie Smith.



Love, Bob and Rebecca Shoemith - August 20, 2025 at 01:16 PM

LS

“ Love, Bob and Rebecca Shoesmith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Marie Smith.

Love, Bob and Rebecca Shoesmith - August 20, 2025 at 01:16 PM

SS

“ Sean, Rachel and Teddy Shepke purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shirley Marie Smith.



Sean, Rachel and Teddy Shepke - August 20, 2025 at 06:04 AM

DT

“ Shirley was one of the nicest young women I have ever taught. She was always smiling and giggling and being nice to everyone. She was a hard worker as both a student and as a teacher. May she rest in peace.



Dan Towers - August 19, 2025 at 10:01 AM

JD

“ Julie Downes lit a candle in memory of Shirley Marie Smith



Julie Downes - August 18, 2025 at 11:25 PM

MT

“ Michael Ray Tennant purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shirley Marie Smith.



Michael Ray Tennant - August 18, 2025 at 08:11 PM

MT

“ Michael Ray Tennant planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Marie Smith.

Michael Ray Tennant - August 18, 2025 at 08:11 PM

MT

“ Shirley, my cousin, was the sweetest person I have ever known. Her pure heart and love for everyone inspired everyone she met. Shirley is one of the few people I have ever known who I genuinely believe never had an unkind thought about anyone or anything. She radiated kindness, love, and compassion for all. My prayers and sympathies go out to everyone. Our loss is heaven's gain. At least she is not in pain now. Michael Ray Tennant

Mike Tennant - August 18, 2025 at 08:08 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Marie Smith.



August 18, 2025 at 08:04 PM



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August 18, 2025 at 08:04 PM



“ After Shirley passed, it was so sad for me. Memories came rushing back. I remember when she came home from the hospital. My sisters and brother (cousins) were there waiting for her. As soon as the car drove into the yard Barbara, Bonnie Ted and myself came running to the car. We were all over Shirley. Here is our new Baby Sister. Shirley. She was the baby girl now. I remember Shirley was 4 years younger than me. But, I could not wait to hold her. So, when Aunt Porkey went to pay the milk man, I went over to the basinet and picked her up before Aunt Porkey got back. But, Aunt Porkey knew that I picked her up and made me promise I would not do it again. However, she put Shirley on my lap and gave me a bottle and let me feed her and from that point on, I was the big sister looking after her baby sister. I spent a lot of time with Aunt Porkey and Uncle Bill. They were our second set of parents. I loved staying with Aunt Porkey because she always made me feel special. And Shirley seem like she always needed me. My heart is broken because God took her home to be with her Mom and Dad and her Baby Brother. I am happy for them but sad for me. However I will always have my memories of the cutest Baby Sister that Aunt Porkey and Uncle Bill shared with me. Shirley you will always be in my thoughts.



Rose Shepke Ferri - August 18, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Rene Wright - August 18, 2025 at 06:34 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Shirley Marie Smith.



August 18, 2025 at 05:15 PM