



Shirley B. (Yoakum) Bacus

February 27, 1940 - April 21, 2020

ADRIAN— Shirley (Yoakum) Bacus, 80, of Adrian passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at her home.

Born February 27, 1940 in Missouri to Jesse and Carrie Yoakum. Shirley moved to Michigan when she was about 7 yrs. old, where she lived most of her life except a brief time in Indiana. She graduated from Adrian High School in 1958.

Shirley married Carl Leon Bacus on March 1, 1958. They were married fifty-eight years. Leon passed away March of 2016. To this union four children were born. Allen (Tereasa), Richard (Connie), Susan Bacus-Dillon, and Carren (Jim) Powell, one foster daughter Faustina (Nicolas) Cerda. Shirley enjoyed the love of 16 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren.

Shirley is survived by one brother, Thomas. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Carrie Yoakum, four brothers, John, Jesse, Robert and Claude Yoakum, and her beloved husband, Leon Bacus. She cherished the love of her cousins, nieces, nephews, many friends especially those from the Adrian Church of Christ where she was a member all her life.

When Shirley wasn't attending to the needs of her large family, she also worked as a bus driver for Madison Schools, Adrian, MI and JCPenney

working several different positions.

Shirley's hobbies included sewing, quilting, crocheting, stitching, teaching her many grandchildren and great grandchildren those skills, cooking, Ladies' Bible classes with the church, making "Love" bears for area hospitals (Gladwin). Most recently she enjoyed singing with the Tecumseh Pops Community Chorus and traveling. Her children will miss their beloved mother. She will be greatly missed by all those who know her but especially her family.

Due to the current Covid-19 conditions, there will not be a memorial service. A celebration of Shirley's life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Shults Lewis Children and Family Services, P.O. Box 471, Valparaiso, IN 46383 or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, where online memories and condolences may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley B. (Yoakum) Bacus*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss, Rich and family. Please know you and your family are in our prayers and thoughts.*

Scott and Crystal Turner - April 26, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss I knew most of the Bacus family when I attended the Church of Christ with the Payne's. It was then on Beecher St my name then was Sawyer I lived in Palmyra near the Payne's.*

Mary Gerth - April 26, 2020 at 06:24 PM



“ *I remember working very closely when she helped in making our part of Vacation Bible School. It was one of the parts of the life of Apostle Paul. Thanks for the memories.*

Teresa Swindle - April 26, 2020 at 02:34 PM

LW

“ My memories of Shirley go back to Sunday school when we were seven or eight. We spent many Sunday afternoons having Sunday dinner at her house or my house. After I went away to college we lost contact but my mother told me many times about what a good wife and mother she was. It has been good seeing her again when we came back to Michigan. She was truly a fine Christian lady and has left a precious legacy to her children and grandchildren.

Lois Baker Williams

Lois Williams - April 25, 2020 at 03:51 PM

PM

“ Shirley was my manager at JCPenney, the best, beautiful inside and out, always cheerful, like a mother figure. Always smiling and happy. My thoughts and prayers to the families.

Paula Germond Marks - April 25, 2020 at 01:08 PM

BC

“ How sad we were to hear of Shirley's death. She was a wonderful woman and a good friend for many years. We love all of you and you will be in our prayers for comfort as only God can supply. We will miss that cackle laugh and lively spirit she always had. We are so glad God put Shirley, Leon and all of you in our life. God bless you all.

Barb and Bernie Callis

Barbara Callis - April 25, 2020 at 11:16 AM

CR

“ We loved your Mom. What I loved most was her beautiful voice. It was wonderful to sit in front of her at worship. She also brought her love of music to her family as well. We will miss her dearly. We pray that our Lord will bless your family and bring you comfort.
Steve and Clarice

Clarice Rink - April 25, 2020 at 09:34 AM

KL

“ Shirley and I grew up together. I believe I was at Carrie and Jesse's home more than I was at my own house. She was a wonderful friend and, more importantly, a fine Christian woman. Of course I grew up with Leon and Shirley's brothers also. I feel a part of my own family has passed. You all were so fortunate to have a mother like Shirley. My sincere condolences. Thoughts and prayers are on going.

Kay Loren, Daughter of Lucille Webster

Kay Wenster Loren - April 25, 2020 at 07:07 AM

DH

“ Seasoned for Heaven, but such a sister in Christ leaves a gap in our earthly treasure of Christian servants.

Don House - April 25, 2020 at 12:28 AM

DL

“ On behalf of my mom and dad (Lehman and Sue Bacus), my family (Diana Bacus Leach aka “Diannie” and my family), we send our love to you all. I’ve heard many memories from mom and dad, and I have many of my own with our families. Aunt Shirley will be missed and my heart hurts for you all. May God comfort you at this time. We are sending healing prayers and comforting hugs from Wisconsin.

Diana Bacus Leach - April 24, 2020 at 11:16 PM

AH

“ Sue, even though I didn't know your Mom, I know she must have been a wonderful Mom, because she raised an amazing daughter. Hold and cherish all your memories.



Anita Honey-Dunbar - April 24, 2020 at 04:22 PM

JD

“ I can remember going to her house just off Division street. She had a kitten at that time. Well what ever that kitten did wrong she shot it with water from a water bottle! At that time she was also making beautiful quilts! Your mom was such a wonderful woman!

Janet Dillon - April 24, 2020 at 03:42 PM