



Shirley Goetz

February 15, 1944 - September 18, 2024

Shirley Jean Goetz, 80, of Higginsville, MO passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home on September 18, 2024 after a two-year battle with colon cancer.

She was born February 15, 1944 the ninth of ten children, to Charles Everett and Effie Christine (Gregory) Findley in Plattsburg, MO. Shirley graduated from Polo High School in 1962. She then went to work at Hallmark Cards in Kansas City, MO. On August 10, 1968 she married Edward Goetz at Zion Lutheran Church in Corder, MO. She quit her job at Hallmark to stay at home to be a wife and mother. Out of this marriage they were blessed with two children, Dennis and Donna. They later divorced in 1985. She then went to work at Lake City until her retirement in 2002. After retirement she cared for her youngest granddaughter, Tiffany until she was old enough to care for herself.

Shirley was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. She enjoyed working in the yard, mowing, picking up sticks and raking leaves. She also enjoyed watching college basketball and professional football. Her favorite pastime was to play board games while listening to old records on the record player, especially Elvis and watching old cartoons on Saturday mornings with Tiffany. In 2017, she was diagnosed with a massive brain tumor which was benign. Her full recovery time was a year. In 2022, she was diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer. She always had a positive attitude in her battle with cancer. She will be missed by everyone whose life she touched.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, Naomi, Norma, Mary Ann and Donna; two brothers, Charles Jr. and Donald.

Those who remain forever in her love, one son, Dennis (Kim) Goetz of Cole Camp; one daughter, Donna (John) Jungeblut of Higginsville; three granddaughters, Miranda Goetz of Cole Camp, Payton Goetz of Sedalia and Tiffany Jungeblut of Higginsville; step-grandchildren, Ryan, John and Abbey; eight step-great grandchildren; two brothers, Bill (Marilyn) Findley of Lawson, Jim Findley of Polo and one sister, Carol (Nick) Jenkins of Kearney, MO; many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM on September 27, 2024 at Immanuel Lutheran Church located at 1500 Lipper Ave. Higginsville, MO. A funeral service will follow at 10:00 AM with burial in the City Cemetery. Memorials may be made out to Immanuel Lutheran School.

Cemetery Details

City Cemetery

2275-2491 Lipper Ave.
Higginsville, MO 64037

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1501 Lipper Ave.
Higginsville, MO 64037
immanuellutheran@ctcis.net
<http://www.ctcis.net/~ils/immanuellutheranchurch.htm>

Funeral Service

SEP 27. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1501 Lipper Ave.
Higginsville, MO 64037
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Burial

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM - 11:20 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CL

“ Christa L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Goetz.

Christa L. - September 26, 2024 at 12:22 PM

SF

“ I am imagining you with your mother and mine. With much love.

Sheryl Findley - September 25, 2024 at 06:45 PM

SH

“ Sheryl Jean Findley, Melanie Houston purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Shirley Goetz.



Sheryl Jean Findley, Melanie Houston - September 25, 2024 at 06:33 PM

MM

“ My best memory of our aunt is calling her KiKi. We knew her by that nickname and she always giggled. She welcome me every visit with open arms and the best hugs. She is now visiting with my mom Naomi her oldest sister. Love to the family Marty Mills

Marty Mills - September 25, 2024 at 10:59 AM

MM

“ Marty Mills planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Goetz.

Marty Mills - September 25, 2024 at 10:47 AM



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



September 25, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ *Shirley was a force on the basketball court in high school. When she played in was to win! Many laughs with her and Linda Murray! Prayers fir her children!!*

Judy Bray Williams - September 21, 2024 at 06:18 PM