



Shirley Bentley Burke

November 23, 1925 - March 1, 2003

Shirley Bentley Burke, 77, of Southington, died Saturday March 1, 2003 at Southington Health Care Center. Born in New Britain, daughter of the late William and Hilda Holmquist Bentley, and wife of the late John A. Burke who passed in 1999, she was formerly of Southington, moving back to New Britain for 20 years and again to Southington the last 3 years. A graduate of New Britain High School, she was the owner of Ferndale Farms Dairy Store in Southington, and was a former manager with her husband of the Erwin Home in New Britain. She was a member of Kensington United Methodist Church. Surviving are two sons, Steven Burke of Neptune, NJ, and John "Jack" W. Burke and his wife Pamela of Castle Rock, Colorado; 3 sisters, Winifred Brown and her husband Earl of Southington, Barbara Akehurst and her husband Dale of Kensington, and Carol Hutchinson of Berlin; 2 grandchildren, Ryan Burke and Jamie Feth and her husband T.J.; many nieces and nephews. Besides her husband, Shirley was predeceased by 3 brothers and 5 sisters.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday 10 AM at Kensington United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Memorial Park in Rocky Hill. Calling hours will be held Monday 4 to 7 PM at the Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Donations may be made to Kensington United Methodist Church, 103 Hotchkiss Street, Kensington, CT 06037. Please share a memory of Shirley with her family on our online guestbook by clicking "sign memorial guestbook" at the top of the page.

Tribute Wall

PS

“ To Shirleys' Family,

I just received my copy of Southington's weekly paper, The Observer, and read about Shirleys' passing. I am so sorry over your loss.

I was the beautician at The Orchards when it opened, up until September of 2001, and I meet Shirley there after she arrived and looked forward to seeing her every week to do her hair. She was such a sweet lady, I loved her beautiful white hair. I have certainly missed her along with all the others that I did, after making a big change in my life and moving to Florida with my grandson.

I never knew that she owned Ferndales' but after reading that in the paper, it made me think back to all of the wonderful memories that place made for me. My father would take me there just about every Sunday in the summer, and of course, I would have to have the big banana split, every time promising my dad that I would finish it this time, and he always ended up with it, because I couldn't eat the whole thing. I wish I had known, I could have share those wonderful memories with her, and put another smile on her pretty face.

Please know that she, and you, are in my thoughts and prayers. She will be greatly missed.

*Sincerely,
Pat Scolese*

Pat Scolese - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear Steve,

I was just reading the Asbury Park Press at 10:00 PM on Monday, and read that your mother had passed away. I remembered that you had often visited your mother up here in CT, and I had tried to send word to you that I recently married and I had relocated to Enfield, CT.

I wanted to invite you to visit when you were up this way.

I am very sorry to hear about your Mom. If I had read this earlier this evening, I would have tried to make it the funeral home.

You and your family will be in our prayers.

*Jack Lewandoski
Four Winds-NJ*

*P.S. Send me an E-mail, and I will send you my new address.
Phone# 860 749-5219*

Jack Lewandoski - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Mrs. Burke was a gental sole, she was one of the nicest women that we have ever met! She was quiet and very respectable a true lady. She was humble yet gracious, thoughtful and caring. We enjoyed working with Shirly and John for many years! They will always hold a very special place in our hearts. Our two children Elizabeth and Brian will remember running around their home on Bassett street growing up. We want to say thank you Shirly for all the treasured, precious memories we hold of you and John. So long until we meet again in glory and in the loving arms of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ! We love you and thank you for being a part of our lives!Love, Tim, Lucy, Elizabeth and Brian Snow.

Timothy and Lucy Snow - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ TO JACK & STEVEN & FAMILY I REMEMBER YOUR PARENTS AS BEING A LOT OF FUN TO BE WITH. WE HAD MANY GOOD NEW YEARS EVE TOGETHER. WE HAD OUR GROUP OF THE 4 SEASONS, BUT ACTUALLY WE WERE THE 5 SEASONS. SHIRLEY & JOHN, EARL & WINNIE, BARBARA & ERNIE, MIMI & CHARLIE AND CHARLOTTE & AL. WE SPENT MANY GOOD TIMES TOGETHER. WE SPENT SOME GREAT SUMMER NITES TOGETHER IN OUR BACK YARD AT OUR POOL. I WILL MISS SHIRLEY VERY MUCH, EVEN THOU I HAVE NOT SEEN HER IN A COUPLE OF YEARS. THEY WERE A LOT OF FUN TO BE WITH. WITH MY LOVE CHARLOTTE & AL

CHARLOTTE & AL BRANDISH - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Steve, Jack, Pam and kids. I have nothing but fond memories of Aunt Shirley. Like the month of her passing she often roared like a lion but in truth was a lamb. I remember the many Saturday trips to Ferndale Farms Store and no matter how busy she was there was always kind words and ice cream especially the time when the freezer broke and we got barrels and barrels of half thawed ice cream and it seemed like for years I would sneak into our basement freezer and eat from those barrels, or the time she babysat me and I locked myself in the bathroom deciding I needed a shave and cut my finger in the process-of course I had no hair but I tried to shave my head, or the many summer days spent in Holland MA with the Burkes next door and always the boxes and boxes of provisions from the store including an errant case of buttermilk, hours spent in her Southington driveway inside Johnny's milk truck pretending to be a milkman, and many more. I will treasure always these memories and am thankful to have had Shirley Burke as my aunt.

Bob Bentley - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ We were sorry to hear of the passing of Shirley. We lost contact with Steve several years ago, but would like to extend our condolences to Steve and to the Burke family.

Pat & Barbara Jarvis - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM