



Shirley Leif

July 22, 1943 - April 30, 2024

Shirley Leif, 80, passed away on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, in Roswell, New Mexico. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Shirley's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

On July 22, 1943, Shirley was born to parents James A. Cobb and Florence Leona Bowden in Carlsbad, New Mexico, but grew up in West Pittsburg, California. In High School, she met the love of her life Martin Leif when she was 15 years old. Shirley was known as the "First Lady" to Martin in school, as he was the Student Body President. Shirley married Martin on April 20, 1963, in California and they had two children, Lisa and Michael. They were married for 61 years. Shirley was a member of St. Peter's Church. She was involved with the UFO Festival and Sisters of Poor Clare. She received a scholarship for Paris Beauty College in Concord, CA. Prior to retirement, Shirley worked at Las Alamos Lab and ENMMC in scheduling, billing, and coding between 2001 to 2015. Shirley was amazing at her job and was a strong pillar in the medical community. Shirley had many hobbies such as painting, rock hunting, spending time with grandchildren, boating on Abiquiu Lake, as well as wallpapering and home decorating. She had a love for shopping, something her husband said she had a "Masters" in. Holidays were her favorite time of the year. She loved to facetime with her grandkids and play racing games with Michael. Sharing her love for the arts was daily. Everywhere she went, she brought a smile to everyone's face. She didn't have an evil bone in her body. She loved to go mile for mile on the back of a

motorcycle with her husband. She loved her husband Martin very much and he loved her very much. Shirley will be missed by her family and friends. Those left to eternally treasure and cherish memories of Shirley are her husband, Martin Leif; son, Mike Leif, and wife Heather; grandchildren: Hailee and Michael Leif; niece, Jeanette Turner; and close friends: Beth, Leona, and Jenny.

Shirley is preceded in death by her daughter, Lisa Ann Leif; father, James A. Cobb; mother, Florence Leona Bowden; grandfather, William Floyd Bowden; grandmother, Pearl Bowden; paternal grandfather, Rufus R. Cobb; and paternal grandmother, Lillie Cobb Stewart.

What I would like to tell you.

Mike: "I love you."

Martin: "Don't go, we have too much left to do."

Shirley's tribute was lovingly written by her family.

Tribute Wall

YR

“ Yolanda Rivera sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Leif



Yolanda Rivera - May 18, 2024 at 08:16 PM

JT

“ Heartfelt condolences. She will be missed.

Jeff and Tillie Tafoya - May 17, 2024 at 09:55 AM

CM

“ What a lady!! worked with her at enmmc and she was always willing to help with anything and always with that beautiful smile. We were back yard neighbors it turns out. she will be missed. rest in peace Love ya Cyndi

cyndi corman mitchell - May 15, 2024 at 10:05 AM

KS

“ Martin, I was so very sorry to see that Shirley has passed. You and Shirley were so good to Me and Maryjo when we were growing up and you lived next door. You both always were so nice and allowed us the privilege of playing and helping to take care of your babies. Shirley was so patient with us. Mom really appreciated your visits. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. She will be missed. Kathleen Gilbert Scott

Kathleen Gilbert Scott - May 12, 2024 at 09:04 AM

GT

“ To Martin and family,
Shirley was such a mentor to all in scheduling department at ENMMC. We all loved to work for her. Her laughter so full of joy. I showed this to her one time and she loved...New Mexican (noun) A person who chooses restaurants based on their chips and salsa... she agreed. RIP Ms. Shirley... you will not be forgotten. Jerry and Gracie Thames

Grace Thames - May 10, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ Oh Marvin I'm So sorry. Shirley was a dear sweet lady. Always so helpful when we worked. Together. Our prayers are with you.
Don and Julie



Julie Spangler - May 09, 2024 at 02:34 AM

GR

“ GA & Jiny Rottman lit a candle in memory of Shirley Leif



GA & Jiny Rottman - May 08, 2024 at 03:54 PM