



Shirley McCune

March 16, 2020

Shirley Hill McCune died peacefully at her home in Talisheek, Louisiana, from natural causes on Monday, March 16, 2020. She was 85 years old. She was the loving wife of Michael M. McCune for the past 65 years. Although born in New Orleans, Louisiana where she lived most of her life, she spent the last 24 years residing in Talisheek, LA.

Shirley attended St. Joseph Elementary School on Tulane Ave. and thereafter enrolled in St. Catherine of Sienna for her 8th grade year when her family moved to Metairie. She was a proud 1953 graduate of St. Mary's Dominican High School. She then furthered her education by attending Charity Hospital's School of Radiologic Technology graduating as an X-ray Technician. Although she initially started working at Ochsner Hospital after graduation, she married shortly thereafter and decided to dedicate her life to raising her children when she and Mike began their family. She reentered the work force years later when her children were grown as there was a special need for X-ray Technicians in the marketplace. At this time, she became disciplined in Radiation Therapy having completed this field of study at Ochsner Hospital. She worked at Charity Hospital as an X-ray Technician and Radiation Therapist, a job she truly enjoyed, until she retired.

While her hobbies included gardening, sewing and spending time with her family, all of which she passed down to her daughters, her true passion was her faith. Her trust in God was paramount in everything she did, every decision she made and every relationship she had. Her love for God and for all of us is evidenced by the fact that many of her prayers were for those who have no one to pray for them. Her grandchildren were amused when every prayer did not end with "Amen" but rather "Yay God!" There will never be a more kind, accepting and inclusive person than Shirley.

She loved holding, kissing and rocking babies and is known as the original "Baby Hog". Her daughters take great solace in the fact that the "Baby Hog" will be meeting their children who have gone to heaven before them. When told by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren that they loved "Grammie", she would always reply "Love you more!"

Beloved mother of Bonnie Clay (David), Sandi Giambone (Dominick), Kathleen Powell (Marc), Trudie Herbert, Jennifer Riccobono (Joseph), and Mary Lambert (Nolan). Dearly loved grandmother "Grammie" to Kellie Clay Andersen (Jason), David Clay, Jr. (Michele),

Michael Clay (Brandi), Dominick Giambrone, Jr., Cristina Giambrone, Elizabeth Giambrone Abboud (Gordon), Amanda Powell Prazack (Scott), Rebecca Powell Benoit (Matthew), Edward Hunter Powell, Tracey Anne Jenkins (Timothy), Elyse Herbert Chamorro (Renato), Hayley Herbert, Stephen "Mac" Herbert, III, Mary Riccobono Hawkins (Josh), Louis Riccobono (Lauren), Margaret Riccobono, Joseph Riccobono, Jr. (Mandi), Jedidiah Riccobono (Rebekah), Anna Riccobono, Taylor Lambert, Meredith Lambert, and Nolan Patrick Lambert, Jr. She was also so proud of her 29 great-grandchildren whom she loved "more".

Preceded in death by her parents, Harry Rowland Hill and Gertrude Pierce Hill, her in-laws Mary Mitchell McCune and Lawrence J. McCune, her granddaughter, Etienne Anne Herbert and siblings and in-laws: her twin sister Mary Riecke, Richard Riecke, John Chester Hill, Helen Hill, Dr. Lawrence McCune, Beverly M. Schexnaildre, Mary Anna McCune Messonnier, Irwin Messonnier, and James McCune.

Survived by her sister-in-law Sylvia McCune, special cousins Sharon V. Hulin (Ben) and Warren Villemarette (Peggy), and numerous nieces and nephews who loved their "Aunt Shirley" and whom she loved dearly.

Arrangements for a Memorial Mass and Celebration of Life Reception have been put on hold pending the resolution of the CoronaVirus Pandemic. Date and time of Service will be updated on the Serenity Funeral Home website when that information becomes available.

The family is requesting, in lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, American Cancer Society, Knights of Columbus, or a charity of your choice.

Condolences and tributes can be posted at www.serenitycovington.com

Comments



“ Mike, so sorry to learn of Shirley's passing. Our sincere condolences to you and your family. Our prayers are with all of you. May God help you through these trying of times.
Riecke & Paula Gernon

Riecke & Paula Gernon - April 02 at 10:07 AM



“ With our love and deepest sympathy to Mike and family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Jim and Kay Berrigan

Kay & Jim Berrigan - March 22 at 01:47 PM



“ I am Art LaPorte former Director of Radiology at Charity Hospital. When I posted a call to all retired graduates of our x-ray technology school, both Shirley and her twin sister Mary, responded. Since it had been a while since they were employed as X-Ray techs, there were many changes in techniques and procedure protocols. Both Shirley and Mary "jumped right in" to a mini re-training program. It wasn't long before they were both back into being the excellent technologists they had been before. Sadly we lost Mary, but Shirley continued on both in regular x-ray, and then in Radiation Therapy. She was an extremely valuable asset to the hospital, our doctors, her co-workers, me and, most especially, our patients. She was a kind, considerate, compassionate, competent, and caring Lady. I am fortunate to have known her. I am sorry for the great loss that you gave suffered by her loss. Sincerely, Art LaPorte

Art Laporte - March 21 at 01:21 PM



“ Sorry for your loss Mike and Family. You and Shirley are in our prayers. Pat and Edith Dorion

Patrick Dorion - March 21 at 12:09 PM



“ We will miss you dearly! Thanks for being so loving, thoughtful, generous and gracious. You are a wonderful aunt/mother and role model. I loved how you would hug me twirl and hug me again saying, “This one is from your Mom” with a huge grin. Love you more and always. ☐



Linda Kraenzle - March 20 at 04:42 PM



“ Thanks for being a wonderful, loving mother. Happy you have joined family members in heaven but you will be missed. Love you more! Bonnie



Bonnie McCune Clay - March 20 at 01:06 PM



“ My prayers are with all the Mccune family. I am deeply feeling a loss and am with everyone. God bless the family.

Steve Herbert - March 22 at 02:42 PM