



Shirley Cavins Smith Hardwig

April 21, 1932 - June 17, 2026

IN MEMORY OF:

Shirley Cavins Smith Hardwig

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Shirley Cavins Smith Hardwig, beloved mother, grandmother and friend peacefully passed away on June 17, 2026, at the age of 94. She was born on April 21, 1932 in DuQuoin, Illinois, to Carl and Gertrude (Selby) Cavins.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, husbands Bobby G. Smith and Bill Hardwig; step-son Mark Hardwig and siblings James Cavins, Donald Cavins, Ronnie Lively, Janet Cavins, Gayle Lively Bytnar, Mary Lively Craig and Richard Lively (youngest brother).

Surviving family members include brother Gable Lively of DuQuoin, son Mike (Michelle) Smith of Ava; daughter Janice (Ed) Buerger of Creal Springs; stepson Matt (Elaine) Hardwig of Vergennes and grandchildren, Shelly (Gary) Grob, Waterloo; Virginia Smith, Paducah, KY; Cameron (Elissa) Wright,

Ozark, MO; Austin (Brittany) Hardwig, Vergennes; Adrienne Hardwig, Murphysboro; and six great-grandchildren.

Shirley was married to Bobby G. Smith from 1950-1969. In 1980, she married William Hardwig until his passing in 1995. In her later years, Merle Winter from rural Pinckneyville became her devoted companion.

Shirley worked as a cashier at P.N. Hirsch in Murphysboro for many years and later retired from the City of Murphysboro Water Department.

Shirley found joy in the soil of her garden, the rhythm of her sewing machine, the beauty of her home decor, and the thrill of travel. She was a Christian and loved her Lord & Savior.

A Graveside Service will be held at Elkhaville Cemetery at 10:30 AM on Monday, June 22, 2026.

In honor of Shirley's life and in lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois. The family extends their gratitude to employees at Century Assisted Living in Carbondale.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Elkville Cemetery

Elkville, IL

Upcoming Events

Graveside Service

JUN 22. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Elkville Cemetery
Elkville, IL