



## Shirley Ann Lillard-Maine

June 24, 1930 - February 26, 2021

Shirley Lillard-Maine of Carbondale, wife of Thomas “Tom” Maine passed away Friday, February 26, 2021 in Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

She was born in Chicago on June 14, 1930, lived her first 19 years in Benton where she attended Douglas and Benton Township High School. AT BTHS she loved English and the chorus. She was member of the first madrigal singing group and continued singing in the madrigals her freshman year at Southern Illinois University. After her first year there, she married Hampton William Lillard and because of the call of the military lived a year in San Antonio, TX and two years in Heilbronn, German. After the military, they lived nine years in Water Valley, KY and returned to Carbondale in 1963. Four children were born to them during those years.

After returning to Carbondale, she began working in the Office of Admissions and Records the day President Kennedy was assassinated. She worked there for thirty years and attended school to earn a bachelors and master degree in Work Force Education before retiring in 1993.

On April 11, 1987 she married Tom Maine and began a new life. Over the years, the two of them enjoyed boating on his cruiser and sailing and became members of the Crab Orchard Boat Club. They traveled to national as well as local AARP meetings that were held all over the country. Much of their travel

centered around her husband's swim meets which took them all over Illinois and various meets over the United States as well as many of the country such as New Zealand, Italy and Sweden. In their later years, they continued to work out at the recreation center.

Shirley is survived by her husband, Tom Maine; children, Anne (Mike) Teymouri of St. Louis; Patrick (Brenda) Lillard of Carterville; Daniel (Sheril) Lillard of Florida and Eric (Diane) Lillard of Houston; 11 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; a sister, Sandra Sue Bernhardt (Robert) of Cheyenne, WY; stepchildren that became her family, Larry Maine of OK; Scott Maine of Foley, MO; Jeri Maine of Troy MO and Suzanne Theismann of Winfield, MO; plus all of their children and grandchildren; other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral Services for Shirley Lillard-Maine will be Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 2:00 pm in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home with The Reverend Dr. K. Stephen Combs officiating.

Visitation will be from 12:00 pm until the hour of the service.

The family requests those attending the visitation and funeral follow social distancing guidelines and the wearing of a face covering is requested.

Interment will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO.

Memorials can be made to the donor's choice and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

St Louis, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13  
31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-2500  
crain@crainsonline.com

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Ann Lillard-Maine*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of waiting on Shirley and Tom for years at Tres Hombres in Carbondale. They were always such pleasant and kind people. I am sorry I didn't have the chance to speak to Shirley again before she left us.*

**Amelia** - March 03, 2022 at 12:35 AM



“ *Ma Shirley was good and kind to all of us kids when we were growing up on Cherry and Forest Streets. She will forever be in our hearts. Condolences to you all from the Stokes family.*

**teresa stokes mccarthy** - March 04, 2021 at 07:27 PM



“ *Dear Tom, Sheridan and I are sending you and your family heartfelt condolences. Thank you and Shirley for your encouragement and support for Sheridan and I will miss her zooming right by me during morning walks at the Mall. We hope that sweet memories will bring you the Comfort and Peace that only God's Love can provide.*

**Zenetta McDaniel Coleman** - March 04, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ Joy Lillard sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Ann Lillard-Maine



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**Joy Lillard** - March 03, 2021 at 03:05 PM



*Shirley, Ma Shirley, has always been an inspiration to me. She has been a loving presence as a grandmother to my 3 children, a bright spirit interested in all cultures, a tireless traveler whose love and positive outlook was a wonderful model. Sending blessings to the whole family and let her memories shine like her bright smile.*

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**Joy Lillard** - March 03, 2021 at 03:11 PM

WR

“ Tom, my sincere sympathy and condolences for Shirley’s passing. I was always happy to see the two of you on the day schedule other patients maybe not. Appreciate all the years you came to DuQuoin and remember the remarkedly uniqueness of you both.  
Richard Weinberg

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**Weinberg Richard** - March 03, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ *Ma Shirley . . . I thank God that I had the great fortune to know you as a kid and as a man. Through my enduring friendship with Eric and all your family, I learned the essence of a good mom. You fixed meals for me when I came to your house at all times of the day. You greeted me with a gentle and sincere smile. Your elegance and glow made me feel special. It made me feel like I was in the presence of a sweet soul. I loved you and your family as my own. I'll always cherish and look fondly upon my childhood memories with you greeting me at the door as I came to play or throw snowballs at cars with Eric. We were rambunctious kids. Yet, whenever I was in your presence I always thought that we would be alright, that we'd be forgiven. You are one of God's special angels, and I sure hope my mansion in heaven is close to yours! Thank you for the deposits of love, joy and genuine goodness that you put in me as an example. I will always remember you and love you as my Ma Shirley! Blessings to you always. I mean that with all my heart!*

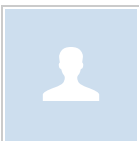
Jonathan Love - March 02, 2021 at 02:19 PM



“ *Erin, Kaitlin, and families purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Shirley Ann Lillard-Maine.*



Erin, Kaitlin, and families - March 02, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Lillard-Maine.*



March 02, 2021 at 12:16 AM

CM

“ For a long while, I knew Shirley Lillard only by name. My husband Don would mention her name in regard to her work ethic and how she was so understanding with students' needs when transferring from JALC to the university. She made his job more pleasurable & he enjoyed working with her immensely. I met Shirley when Don & I would see her & her husband out at a restaurant or at a theatre. We thought it was funny that all of us would be eating out so often! Of course, she & Don would have more to say to one another because of their past work relationship, but she made me feel as if I had known her for a long time too! Shirley was always friendly with a very pleasing smile and personality! I could see why she & Don worked well together!

With sympathy to her family, especially her son Patrick with whom I worked at the VA.

Sincerely, Carolyn Middleton

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**Carolyn Middleton** - March 01, 2021 at 01:54 PM

PS

Please accept my sincere condolences to the passing of your beloved mother! I got to visit with your Mom about 9 years ago when she graciously let my brother , sister and I tour our grandmother's house about. She allowed us to tour the entire home and share our wonderful memories . Our Moms had a long time friendship that started in Benton. They also sang together in the Madrigal Singers. I have a wonderful picture of them in their singing costumes. I will always be grateful to your Mom for her kindness towards our Mom when she had her stroke. Your mother would visit with her. She leaves you a wonderful legacy of love, strength and dedication to family. God Bless.

Paula Thalman Smith

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**Paula Thalman Smith** - March 01, 2021 at 07:16 PM

DM

“ As a young administrator at John A. Logan College, I worked closely with Shirley while she was employed at SIU. Shirley was simply a joy to work with and extremely cooperative. She was always interested in doing what was best for the students and helped make the transition from a community college to the university as smooth as possible. I consulted with Shirley about numerous student problems, and over the years we became friends. I will always have fond memories of Shirley Lillard! Condolences to her family,..... Don Middleton

Donald Middleton - March 01, 2021 at 01:27 PM

CB

“ Eric band family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Thank you for sharing her story, she was a remarkable human being. Her footprints will exist on this earth for along time.

Carrie

Carrie Brown - March 01, 2021 at 01:21 PM

PL

“ PULSE Operations Leadership purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Shirley Ann Lillard-Maine.



PULSE Operations Leadership - March 01, 2021 at 01:15 PM



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March 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM



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February 28, 2021 at 06:39 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Lillard-Maine.*



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February 28, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ *Family's Abington's Allen's Theismann's Treadway's purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shirley Ann Lillard-Maine.*



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**Family's Abington's Allen's Theismann's Treadway's -**  
February 28, 2021 at 01:50 PM

LD

“ Sending my condolences to the Lillard's and their families on the loss of their amazing mother. Although I never knew her personally, I see the evidence of her loving impact on her family and the world she helped make better. May she rest in peace, and may her family and friends celebrate her life and recall the happy, fun and loving memories of times they spent with her.

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**Letha Dugas** - February 28, 2021 at 01:31 PM

EL

*Thank you Letha...I sure appreciate you.*

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**Eric Lillard** - February 28, 2021 at 01:44 PM