



## Shirley Louise Wentworth Shipley

March 31, 1960 - August 17, 2016

Shirley Louise (Wentworth) Shipley, age 56 of Bloomington passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning August 17, 2016 at Hospice House in Bloomington IN, with her loving family at her side.

Shirley was born on March 31, 1960 in Seymour Indiana to William Breckenridge Wentworth (deceased) and Phyllis Wentworth (McNeal-Handley).

Shirley is survived by her children Steven(Cheryl)Batalon, Tiffany(Harold Hargrave)Batalon, Nelson Jr(Amber)Batalon, Timothy Batalon, and Donald Shipley II; grandchildren, Ricky, Ireland, Jeremiah, Allison, Isabel, Mary, Christian, Emma Mae, and Jr Jr; siblings Daniel Wentworth, Debbie Spurgeon(Chester "Sonny"), Kathy Luthe (Robert), Angie Slay, and Kenny Wentworth (Roberta); and many nieces, nephews, step-siblings, cousins and friends.

Shirley came from a large family and enjoyed many hobbies and activities throughout her life. Her genuine love for family was instilled early on as she and her siblings enjoyed many fun and bonding experiences together. Some of her fondest childhood memories were of roller skating with her family and watching her father cruise with precision on his roller skates, completing jigsaw puzzles with her mom, reading True Romance Novels with her sister, bowling, playing games, and writing poetry. She would later add Karaoke and BINGO to the top of her most favorite activities list. She was a servant of God

and strived to live a life guided by his word. Shirley's love and admiration for her family was seeded early on and would become the foundation of who she became as an adult and the selfless way she would ultimately choose to live her life. Her desire to keep a close, well-bonded family, was always her first and most important life priority.

After High School and after the birth of her first child, Steven, Shirley went on to serve in the United States Air Force as a Telecommunications Ops Specialist where she received the Air Force Training Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Longevity Service Ribbon. It was during her service that she gave birth to her second child, a daughter, Tiffany Ann. After her service was completed, Shirley went on to have three more children, Nelson Jr, Timothy, and Donnie. Shirley gave herself completely to her children and loved them all to no end. She took great pride in them, their accomplishments, the people they grew to be as well as the children they brought into this world. She instilled in them the love of family and that above all else, family should always be number one. Shirley didn't just teach this, she showed and led by this example.

Shirley's love for those around her was not just limited to her family. She gave of herself to all who needed it. Whether it was advice, support, clothing, a place to sleep, or a next meal, she would do what she could to make sure that those around her had what they needed and would never go without. Even if she did not have the means to provide completely for someone else or a family, she would take what was hers and share it with whoever was in need. Shirley was selfless and her only fault was her belief that there were others in this world like her. She never fully appreciated how truly unique she was. It is because of her unique qualities, loving generosity, and kind heart that she will live inside of our hearts forever.

A memorial service will be held Saturday September 3, 2016 at 4:00PM at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37. Visitation will also be held Saturday September 3, 2016 from 2:00PM until the

conclusion of the memorial service at 5:00PM.

John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you. But I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

For those unable to attend, condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

SEP 3. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Memorial Service

SEP 3. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Sarah Wentworth, Julie Oliver, Mary Lou lit a candle in memory of Shirley Louise Wentworth Shipley



Sarah Wentworth, Julie Oliver, Mary Lou - September 02, 2016 at 11:29 AM

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“ Rosanna lit a candle in memory of Shirley Louise Wentworth Shipley



Rosanna - September 01, 2016 at 07:47 AM



“ Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Shirley Louise Wentworth Shipley.



August 31, 2016 at 09:21 AM

KS

“ *My deepest condolences to Shirley's family! Shirley had so much strength and tried so hard to continue in this life for her family. It was indeed my privilege to become acquainted with Shirley. My experiences with Shirley always lead me to know how much she loved her family. I will miss her and her determined courage in the face of difficulties. I truly was inspired by her calm determination.*

*Kelly Spencer*

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**Kelly Spencer** - August 30, 2016 at 09:36 AM

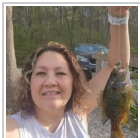
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“ *Kelly Spencer lit a candle in memory of Shirley Louise Wentworth Shipley*



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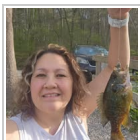
**Kelly Spencer** - August 30, 2016 at 09:23 AM



“ *Beautiful woman..always giving and giving and never taking.*

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**Tiffany Batalon** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 PM

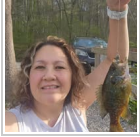


“ *Tiffany Batalon lit a candle in memory of Shirley Louise Wentworth Shipley*



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**Tiffany Batalon** - August 29, 2016 at 11:59 AM



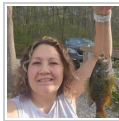
“ Mom always loved when Emma would make her mad face. Most of the pictures I have with them mom is telling her " I want to see your mad face". Always made me laugh. Mom loved her grand kids so much!!

Tiffany Batalon - August 29, 2016 at 11:59 AM



“ I Can't remember how old we were Tiffany, maybe 12, but your mom threw you the best birthday party. It was a water party. There were so many kids running around wet and wild. A great memory. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Jackie Bowman - August 25, 2016 at 09:14 AM



I remember that..it was a great time!! Thank you for your condolences

Tiffany Batalon - August 29, 2016 at 11:56 AM



“ Debbie Spurgeon lit a candle in memory of Shirley Louise Wentworth Shipley



debbie spurgeon - August 24, 2016 at 07:15 PM



“ Tanya Stroud lit a candle in memory of Shirley Louise Wentworth Shipley

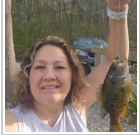


Tanya Stroud - August 24, 2016 at 10:12 AM

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“ *Shirleys jokes!!!! She sent Harvey hand written & typed jokes about every 2 weeks(snail mail)!! Oh my he loved them!!! Going to miss you, sweet lady.*

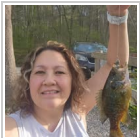
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**Patsey Dickson** - August 24, 2016 at 09:15 AM



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**Tiffany Batalon** - August 24, 2016 at 08:18 AM



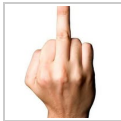
“ *The best times were playing bingo and going to karaoke I remember when I was 17 she would sneak me into bars just to do karaoke, no drinking. I will never forget these times because these are the times that we had a lot of time to talk to each other without any interruption. I miss you so much.*

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**Tiffany Batalon** - August 24, 2016 at 08:18 AM

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“ Shirley was probably annoyed when I tagged along everywhere she went when we were young..... she never complained. She helped shape my childhood until entering the Air Force. So, I followed her into the Air Force. HAH.... She thought she was rid of me. After boot camp I was still only a couple hours away. Then I went to Germany to be with our sister, Kathy. We would have 3 way talks, thanks to Shirley's communication skills..... even though we were a continent away we tried to keep in touch. So sis..... You gotta stay in touch!!!!!!! Just leave a Hersheys bar between two pieces of bread..... We will all know who it was from❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️ We love you so very much and miss you until we see you and Dad again❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Angie Wentworth Slay - August 24, 2016 at 12:30 AM



It has been a rough year here without you😭😭😭😭😭😭 I miss you so much sissy😭😭😭😭😭😭

Sierra Slay - July 30, 2017 at 03:30 PM

 Cheryl  
Batalon

“ I am going to miss many things about Shirley. Her sense of humor was one of the best qualities about her.  
Almost every night she would call Steve and I with the joke of the day.  
No matter what the day brought, good or bad, it usually always ended with a phone call and a funny joke that we would all laugh about...sometimes hysterically in tears.  
I remember when my dad was sick and dying. Shirley would take the time to write him letters. Letters full of jokes.  
I hope that she knew how much those letters and jokes not just brightened my dads day, but my moms as well because her and my dad would read them together.  
One night my mom called me and was laughing at one of them so hard that she could barely catch her breathe to speak!  
She brought happiness and joy to my parents lives during moments that were very sad and scary.  
That is just a glimpse of the kind of person she was.  
I will miss her jokes and the sound of her laugh when she really thought the joke was funny.  
I'll miss the way she told the jokes and the tone in her voice.  
I'll miss a lot of things along the way, but tonight, at this time when she would usually call, I miss her jokes.

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**Cheryl Batalon** - August 23, 2016 at 09:18 PM

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“ She was a good women will miss you a lot

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**tonyapayne** - August 23, 2016 at 12:34 PM



“ Shirley would cook dinner for her family, but sometimes she had a lot of leftovers. Since nobody in her house would eat them, she would call my house and ask us to take them. She was so generous so often. When Tiffany moved two doors down from Shirley, those calls came more often. Those two ladies knew their way around a stove and had such big hearts. Always finding a neighbor to share the love with. I will miss just knowing Shirley was there watching out for the neighborhood. It is a blessing to have known her. There is so much more I could tell about what a wonderful person she was. God bless her family and friends. She was a good person with a great love of family and a strong sense of what is right and just. I really like that in a person and I enjoyed knowing Shirley. What a beautiful soul.

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**Gail Pedro** - August 23, 2016 at 08:26 AM

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“ Should friends desire, contributions and/or condolences may be sent to Tiffany Batalon 721 S. Park Square Bloomington Indiana 47403

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**Tiffany Batalon** - August 22, 2016 at 07:26 PM