



## Shirley R. Warner

September 6, 1931 - October 29, 2024

On Tuesday, October 29, 2024, Shirley R. Warner, age 93, was welcomed into Heaven with open arms. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, she is finally reunited with her best friend and husband Wallace (Wally) Warner.

Born and raised in Carrick, Shirley was the daughter of Jacob Alphonse and Catherine Rectenwald. She joins her beloved sisters Mary Jane (John) Lazenga, Ruth (Mike) Then, Norma (Al) Piel, Tessie (Francis) Nowalk, and brother Jim Rectenwald in Heaven. Shirley is survived by her seven children, Therese (Bob) Palyo, Cathy (Paul) King, Marianne Cunningham, Barbara (Paul) DeRenzo, Paul (Jennifer) Warner, Christine (Frank) Beddings, Joe (Ileen) Warner, 19 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Mary Helen Rectenwald, and many nieces and nephews.

Shirley met the love of her life, Wally, on a blind date in Texas. Six months later, they were married and began a union that lasted 60 years. Shirley's full time vocation was a wife and mother. She somehow juggled nine social and academic calendars and sporting events, yet managed to have dinner (and dessert of course) on the table every evening. Her home always smelled of something freshly baked, which gave any visitor a sense of comfort and warmth.

Shirley was a fierce prayer warrior, starting the Children of Faith prayer group at Nativity Church and leading the daily rosary group at The Residence at Whitehall. So many of us depended on her humble and faithful prayers. Shirley had a joyful spirit, a quick-witted sense of humor, and loved to play cards and Scrabble right up until she left us.

Friends received Friday, November 1 from 2-8 p.m. at the GRIFFITH FUNERAL HOME, INC., 5636 Brownsville Road, (at 6th St.) South Park Twp. (412) 655-4600. Funeral prayer Saturday, November 2 at 9:15 am at the funeral home, with a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Hope Parish - Nativity Church at 10 a.m.

A heartfelt thanks to the care, support and comfort provided by Bridges Hospice. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the People Concerned for the Unborn Child, 3050 Pioneer Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Griffith Funeral Home, Inc.  
5636 Brownsville Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236  
(412) 655-4600  
<https://www.griffithfh.com>

## Funeral Mass

NOV 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Hope Parish - Nativity Church  
5811 Curry Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

# Tribute Wall

NM

“ Aunt Shirley, my Godmother, was all about love. I wish I could have been at her funeral. It was something ever present in my mind when I would reflect on how blessed I was to have her as a God mother. I am happy to know my Godmother’s funeral was beautiful and the angelic singing was divine. This is only fitting for a saintly woman who walked with God every day as a mother, wife, aunt. sister and neighbor. She was an amazing role model - humble, sweet and kind! I will remember her always, especially when in need of a prayerful intention. Rest in peace Aunt Shirley. Enjoy the glorious union with God. I imagine your sisters locked in arms embraced you with glowing smiles.

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**Nancy McKinnis** - November 04, 2024 at 10:34 AM

ED

“ To the entire Warner family, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother and father were always warm and sharing individuals as we were all growing up at Nativity together. May you hold your memories dear.  
- Ellen Dolinar

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**Ellen Dolinar** - November 01, 2024 at 09:38 AM

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“ One Christmas, the Rectenwald sisters were sitting on Aunt Shirley's couch. They were simultaneously holding multiple conversations. With as few as two words being spoken, they'd flawlessly finish the other's sentence knowing exactly which topic was being discussed. To us, who were observing this strange phenomenon, it was mind boggling. I can't imagine how many conversations they are sharing in eternity. Perhaps even the Lord is dumbfounded.

*Paul Then*

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**Paul Michael Then** - November 01, 2024 at 09:24 AM

PT

“ Today's Gospel says all that we can say about our Aunt Shirley, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of God."

*So many fantastic memories from an inspiring life rooted in Christ.*

*With deepest sympathies, love and great hope,*

*Paul, MaryBeth and Family.*

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**Paul Michael Then** - November 01, 2024 at 08:54 AM

PM

“ Paul M. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shirley R. Warner.



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**Paul M.** - November 01, 2024 at 08:26 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley R. Warner.



November 01, 2024 at 05:13 AM



“ Aunt Shirley. Was always kind and caring. Shirley and Walley babysat me quite a few times when I was growing up and always treated me like one of their own kids. Aunt Shirley always made me feel at home when I was at their house. Such a great prayer warrior for those she loved . Love Sue

sue - October 31, 2024 at 11:24 PM



“ Annie, Alan, JD, Kayla and Ella Krasnick purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Shirley R. Warner.



Annie, Alan, JD, Kayla and Ella Krasnick - October 31, 2024 at 02:52 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley R. Warner.



October 31, 2024 at 01:52 PM

MC

“ *Much Love, Nowalk Cousins purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shirley R. Warner.*



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**Much Love, Nowalk Cousins** - October 31, 2024 at 09:58 AM

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“ *Much Love, Nowalk Cousins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley R. Warner.*

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**Much Love, Nowalk Cousins** - October 31, 2024 at 09:58 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley R. Warner.*



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October 31, 2024 at 09:23 AM

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“ *The DeLosso Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Shirley R. Warner.*



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**The DeLosso Family** - October 30, 2024 at 08:25 PM



“ For many years I have witnessed Shirley's devotion to her faith and her dedication the poor! Her love of everything Catholic and her person-to-person service as a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society were such good examples for me to follow. May she rest in peace.

*Rosemary Grogan*

Rosemary Grogan - October 30, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Shirley R. Warner.



October 30, 2024 at 01:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley R. Warner.



October 30, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley R. Warner.



October 30, 2024 at 12:40 PM