



Shirley Ann Wolfe

December 13, 1943 - March 14, 2021

Shirley Ann Wolfe, 77, of Rossville, IL, passed away at 11:30 P.M. Sunday March 14, 2021 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL. She was born December 13, 1943 in Rossville, the daughter of Vernon and Frances M. (Ridge) Zurlinden.

She is survived by two daughters, Christine M. Walters of Schertz, TX and Cindy M. Wolfe of Danville, IL; one brother, Russell W. (Judy) Zurlinden of Danville, IL; four grandchildren, Christopher M. Wolfe, Caitline M. Wolfe, Mason T. Wolfe, and Alexis N. Walters; and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her work friends, Robert, Carl, Pong, and Mary Jo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and one sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Chauncey Carter.

Shirley worked at Devro- TeePak until her retirement and always enjoyed telling work stories. She was a member of the Rossville Church of Christ. She enjoyed scrapbooking, studying family genealogy, spending time with her family and playing Yahtzee. Shirley also enjoyed watching the Super Bowl with her grandson and especially liked watching Tom Brady play.

Per her wishes, cremation rites will be accorded, and no services will be held.

Comments



“ I worked at Teepak from 1985-1997 and I had a lot of respect for Shirley. I enjoyed the robust discussions that went on in cost accounting. She loved her family very much. I am sorry for your loss.

Gayle Jannusch - April 15 at 12:15 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. I just read it and am saddened that it took me so long to hear of her passing. You girls and your families are in my thoughts.

Kim Pate Jones - April 12 at 08:46 PM



“ The reason I had to change Shirley to Shirl. When I came to work at Teepak the TV series of Laverne & Shirley was popular. This was a complete mismatch between the two Shirleys so I slowly worked her into getting use to me calling her Shirl instead of Shirley.
She will be greatly missed as a great friend.

A few funny stories, but there were many.
Many years ago for one of many inventories she brought in a nice new pair of tennis shoes for walking the warehouse. When inventory was finished she threw the shoes away with hardly any dirt or scuffs on them. I was shocked and may have told her there were homeless people that could have used those brand new shoes! I don't remember if she got the shoes back out of the dumpster.

One time when the phone system was changed and you had to dial a 9 to get an outside line and we were discussing that. I don't remember what number she was trying to call & how she did it, but somehow she called 911 and there was a little exchange between her and the 911 dispatcher on calling 911.

We could answer each others phone if the other was busy or out of the room. One time she answered my phone and the lady started complaining that my cows were in her yard and eating her garden. So finally Shirl was trying to get a word in with the lady and said well mam he doesn't have any cows!

Gaylord Fox was the service center manager in KC and if anyone called him KC would say he's at the hardware store or out of the plant, but he would always answer the phone when Shirl called KC with a question.

Again the sad loss of a great friend and coworker for us remaining with the journey of life.

Robert Davison

Robert Davison - March 20 at 12:09 PM



“ Shirley was great employee to work with. But personally she was excellent as a work friend to talk to with support, and advice. My life is better from knowing and working with her. Heaven is brighter with her in heaven. I pray the Lord will comfort her family and friends through this difficult time.

Tim Hollingsworth - March 18 at 08:40 AM



“ Cindy so sorry to here about your ,my prayers are with you and your families.Love
Margaret Clark

margaret Clark - March 17 at 06:59 PM



“ Carolyn Walters and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shirley Ann Wolfe.



Carolyn Walters and family - March 17 at 03:17 PM



“ I'm so sorry to learn of this sad news. I worked at Teepak from 1986-1993 and would see Shirley often. She was such a friendly lady and always had a quick smile and ready laugh! Even though we didn't have specific "work business" in common, I tried to make a point of stopping by her desk in Accounting just to say hello because she'd brighten my day...such a fun lady. I am from Bismarck and went to school with Russana Zurlinden, and Shirley knew that and would speak of them fondly. Unfortunately I have not kept in touch with Shirley since my family moved to Indianapolis in 1993, but she blessed my life and I've never forgotten her. My sincere sympathy goes out to her family.

Kirsten Kraft - March 17 at 11:19 AM



“ Thank you for sharing that story! It warms our hearts to know that she brightened your days at Teepak.

Christy - March 17 at 07:22 PM



“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Shirley. My husband and I send our condolences. To the grandchildren, remember the wonderful times you got to spend with her. I know that my grandchildren bring some of the greatest joys in my life and I am sure you did the same for her.

This message is one of her bosses at "Teepak". I remember when I first started working for Teepak in 1990, I always wanted to learn what my employees did by spending time with them and understanding their jobs so that I would better be a better supervisor. I think Shirley thought I wanted to take away her job - far from it. She was always concerned since she didn't have a degree; I always assured her that she had more experience and knowledge than any one with a degree. She finally accepted what I was doing and we became close in many ways. Shirley and Robert were the best employees I ever had during my working career.

I kept in touch with her every year through my family's annual Christmas letter and missed seeing her during some of or post Teepak dinner get togethers.

Eileen Jerutka

Eileen Jerutka - March 17 at 08:05 AM



“ Eileen, thank you for your kind words. Mom spoke fondly of you and cherished her years at Teepak. She was a brilliant lady and it's so flattering to hear that she and a Robert were your best employees. (They were a quite the pair)

Christy - March 17 at 07:34 PM



“ Since we’ve respected Mom’s wishes to forgo a memorial service, I appreciate an outlet and opportunity to share my love and admiration for the amazing women that I called Mom.

As a person, Mom was talented in so many ways. Being highly intelligent and analytical, she built a successful career as a Cost Accountant, and as someone who has followed in her footsteps, I can attest that cost accounting is one of the most demanding areas in accounting. She loved the challenge of her job and often spoke fondly of Robert, Carl, and Pong. She was an amazing role model, juggling a professional career and being a single parent. She was a gifted singer and some of her favorite memories of her younger years were performing in high school plays and musicals. She was a gifted and creative writer and filled her time in her later years writing a book in her mind. My greatest disappointment is that she was never ready to share her story. I’m sure it was one of the greatest stories never written.

As a Christian, Mom lived with profound faith. God was an integral part of her life and thoughts. She deeply cared about people and their well-being.

How can I describe my Mom as a parent? That seems like an impossible task. The older you get the more you appreciate all that your parents did for you. She taught me that principles, ethics, and honesty were far more important than success and accomplishments, yet was my greatest supporter when accomplishment came my way. Failures were just opportunities to try again.

She had an endless supply of encouragement. In my forties, I was diagnosed with Arnold Chiari, a rare condition that causes excruciating pain and diminishes your cognitive abilities. I waited two months for a surgery, with no guarantee of success. I was terrified as my condition worsened day by day. Each and every night, Mom found the right encouraging words and was by my side during my recovery. There are a million more examples I could share, but there’s not enough space to time. She was selfless, encouraging, fiercely protective, loving, and always had the best advice. Over recent years, Mom and I have reminisced over all the good times and the tough times and I am so grateful that she knew how much I love her, appreciated her, and am so proud of her.

She adored all her grandkids and enjoyed spending time with them. (Even playing backgammon with Chris, who never loses). In her later years, Chris took such good care of her, always making sure she had groceries and running her errands. So many times she said she was able to continue to live at home because of Chris. I will always be eternally grateful that she lived out her life in her own home.

In the end everything happened so fast. Because of strict COVID rules, Mom was allowed one support person at the hospital and Cindy did an amazing job of taking care of her. She was by her side every minute, except when the hospital sent her home. She was loving, supportive, and kind while hiding all the pain she was experiencing.

Mom was an exceptional person and we all loved her very much. We will miss her everyday, but she is with our family in heaven now. I take great comfort in that.



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Christy Walters - March 17 at 12:05 AM



“ Nadine “Falconer” LeClaire and I, “Sherry Derox” LeSure were friends and class mates during 51-62, @ Rossville.
She got her driver license before me, so I talked my boyfriend into letting Shirley drive his car to Hoopston, and check out the old THE SHACK and boys !! We laughed all the way there and back ! We thought we were really IT, in the red convertible with the top down !! He never let us take the car by ourselves again !!
Such good memories !

Sherry”Derox”LeSure - March 16 at 07:10 PM



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Anderson Funeral Home - March 16 at 01:39 PM