



Shirley Rebecca Steed Rothrock

May 3, 1921 - June 2, 2019

Shirley Rebecca Steed Rothrock was born in High Point, NC on May 3, 1921 to Earl Belvin

Steed and Flora Steffy Steed. Shirley left this world to be with her Heavenly Father on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at age 98.

She graduated from High Point High School and attended Guilford/Smith Business School. Shirley married Owen Franklin Rothrock on February 15, 1942. Several months later she moved with her husband to Highland Park, Michigan.

Shirley worked for the Department of Defense for over 12 years in Michigan. When she and her husband returned to North Carolina in 1959, she was able to transfer and continue to work with the Department of Defense for 10 more years in Greensboro and Burlington. Shirley also worked for the National Guard for 2 years before retiring, where she was excited to ride in a helicopter.

Shirley was a charter member of St. Paul The Apostle. She was also a member of the Greensboro Council of Catholic Women and the Women's Guild. Shirley took early retirement and became involved in a number of church activities and events. She delivered Meals on Wheels for over 15 years. She was an active volunteer with the senior social group at Guilford Park Presbyterian Church for over 27 years, while also an active member of The Pride and Patience Garden Club of Guilford for 30 years. Shirley volunteered at the polls during elections for 17 years. Shirley was very social and loved helping and doing for others. One of her greatest pleasures was her time volunteering at the Friends Home at Guilford for almost 20 years! She went grocery shopping once a week to help residents shop and often would shop for residents unable to shop for themselves. Shirley would also visit residents there frequently; sometimes going on trips with groups. Shirley was asked in an interview what she tells others about volunteering and she stated, "There is no excuse...there is too much that needs to be done."

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband of over 60 years, Owen Rothrock who passed in 2002, her sisters Mary Patricia Lugani and Anne Cecilia Bulla. She is survived by a brother, Robert Earl Steed of Waynesboro, VA. Shirley is also survived by the many nieces and nephews that she dearly loved! Family was always very important to Shirley. Spending time with family and friends was of most importance to Shirley. She knew she

was blessed to have a close family and friends. Shirley was always there for anyone who needed her. Her heart was generous and loving for others. She enjoyed taking trips with her family. Shirley made a point to meet with her siblings at least 4 times a year; even in their 80's and 90's.

Shirley was a great animal lover, adopting strays and always donating generously to local animal groups. Shirley loved her garden and flowers. Over the years she planned and planted so that she could have fresh cut flowers almost 9 months out of the year.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 am Friday, June 7, 2019 at St. Paul the Apostle Church on Horse Pen Creek Road, Greensboro. Entombment will follow at Westminster Gardens.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Animal Rescue and Foster Program, 705 Milner Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410.

Forbis & Dick Guilford Chapel is serving the Rothrock family. Online condolences may be offered at www.forbisanddick.com.

Cemetery

**Westminster Gardens
Mausoleum**

Greensboro, NC,

Events

JUN Funeral Mass 11:00AM

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St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
2715 Horse Pen Creek Road, Greensboro, NC,
US, 27410

Comments



“ We were so sad to hear of Shirley's passing. We have known her a long time because of our years together at St Paul's church. She was a welcoming, kind, and wonderful person.
We were unable to attend her service but our thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.
Frank and Doris Grant

Doris Grant - June 08 at 11:16 AM



“ Lorraine Brown lit a candle in memory of Shirley Rebecca Steed Rothrock



Lorraine Brown - June 04 at 05:52 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Shirlee's family and friends in this sad time of loss. Shirlee was a wonderful friend and a great lady.
She was our neighbor for 37 years and
I still have a yard full of her flowers she gave me from her garden.
May you rest in Peace forever dear friend.
Prayers and Love,
Lorraine and Dale Brown

Lorraine Brown - June 04 at 05:52 PM



“ Shirley
Your life was a blessing, your memory treasure, you are Loved beyond words and MISSED beyond measure. Until we meet again! Your friend Danny Pigge

Danny Pigge - June 04 at 02:07 PM