



## Shirley Ann Olin

May 4, 1937 - July 4, 2021

Princeton - Shirley Ann Olin, 84 of Princeton, IL passed away at her home, surrounded by her loving family on Sunday, July 4, 2021.

Shirley was born in West Brooklyn, IL on May 4, 1937 to the late John and Lucille (Wilson) Thomson. She married the late Gerald "Jerry" Olin on August 14, 1954. In Hannibal Missouri before Jerry went into the service.

She found work at a sewing factory in Buda, IL, the same factory that sewed the swimsuits for the USA Olympic swim team. Her daughters spent the summer feeling like they were swimming for USA, as she had sewn them each a suit. She later worked for Jostens from 1977 until she retired.

Shirley was a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church and the St. Matthews Quilters Club. They would make and ship their handmade quilts all over the world. She was also a very active member of the St. Mathews Bible Study Club.

She was known for her ability to sew and make anything, especially the unfinished projects that were left behind for a few of her granddaughters, an inside joke the family liked to tease her about. She loved to travel, one of her favorite trips was to Colorado and the Mountains. She enjoyed reading, and loved to bake. If she was ever near a Ted Drewes Frozen Custard stand, be

prepared to wait in line because it was one of her favorite treats. She liked keeping up with local events by reading the Bureau County Republican. She Enjoyed playing cards and games with friends and family. Nothing compared for the love she had for her family especially her grands and great grands, who she would babysit on Saturdays until she was no longer able to.

Shirley is survived by her two daughters, Vickie (Richard) Townsend of Sheffield, IL and Linda (Fred Hofmann) Pierce of Dixon, IL.; five grandchildren Nicole (Richard) Pelszynski, Allison (Joe) Fox, Renee' Pierce, Dalton Townsend and Alexander Pierce; four great grandchildren; Isla, Matthew, Reese and Freya; one brother, John Thomson and a sister-in-law, who turned into her best friend over the years Carol Pendgraft; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Olin (2004), her parents, John and Lucille Thomson and a sister-in-law, Sandy Thomson and one nephew James Thomson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Matthews Church Quilting Guild.

A visitation for Shirley will be held at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments on Friday, July 9, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Services will be held on Friday, July 9, 2021 at Norbergs at 12:00 p.m. officiated by Pastor Scott Schmidt. Followed by graveside services at Elm Lawn Memorial Park.

Online condolences and memorials may be left at [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc & Monuments.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.  
701 E. Thompson Street  
Princeton, IL 61356

## Funeral Service

JUL 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.  
701 E. Thompson Street  
Princeton, IL 61356

## Graveside Service

JUL 9. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Elm Lawn Memorial Park  
N Knox St.  
Princeton, IL 61356

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ Linda, Vickie and your families- my deepest sympathies to you for the loss of your Mom. She was a lovely person and is now finally with your wonderful Dad. Sending prayers and love to you all....Julie (Simon) Grady

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**Julie Grady** - July 12, 2021 at 08:34 PM

DH

“ Linda, Vickie, and family...Sending a hug and heartfelt sympathy. Your Mom will always be in my Cherry Street memories. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.  
Denise (Panzica) Hochstatter

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**Denise Hochstatter** - July 12, 2021 at 11:08 AM

JD

“ I'm very sorry for your loss of Shirley, she was a wonderful lady who always said hello with a friendly smile whenever I saw her out working in her yard, which was quite often. My condolences to all the family at this time and she will surely be missed, God bless you all, Joe Donarski

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**Joe Donarski** - July 09, 2021 at 08:37 AM

RJ

“ together you are now with your beloved (grandpa) thanks for being the role model couple you were. Undying love + faith.

Love,  
your granddaughter Renée 💕



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Renée Jeanette - July 06, 2021 at 09:41 AM

SP

“ Shirley I know your in a better place now and you will watch over your family and protect them as you did here on earth. I certainly will miss you and our fun traditions in the summer and fall. Prayers for your family as they journey through life without you.

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Sally Pelszynski - July 06, 2021 at 08:22 AM

HH

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to the family. I joined St Matthews Quilt Club about 2 yrs ago and this is where i met a very sweet kind quiet soft spoken lady .. Shirley Olin I enjoyed those times we spent together and hearing about her family .. She will be missed at quilts ... sending prayers and hugs 🙏💔🙏

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Heidi Hansen - July 05, 2021 at 10:57 PM

LF

“ Mom, I love you and am going to miss you dearly. Thank you for being You, and being a loving, caring Mom and grandma. You loved your grandchildren and great-grandchildren very much. I'll see you in Heaven Mom. I love you 💕💕 Linda Jean

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**linda pierce and family** - July 05, 2021 at 07:04 PM

LF

“ Linda Pierce And Family lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Olin



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**linda pierce and family** - July 05, 2021 at 07:00 PM