



Shirley Mae Echemann

June 22, 1932 - January 27, 2026

Shirley Mae Echemann, 93 of Zanesville, died 8:22 AM, Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at Primrose Retirement Community in Zanesville. She was born Wednesday, June 22, 1932, in Minster, the daughter of Charles and Bertha J. (Eicher) Oldiges. She married Ted Echemann on Saturday, May 1, 1954, who preceded her in death on Monday, May 2, 2011.

She was a dedicated long-time member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. While raising her five children, Shirley went to work part time for Sears, retiring following 22 years of service. Following her retirement from Sears, she continued her passion in volunteer work with St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Good Samaritan Hospital in the Surgery Lounge, and the Carr Center Cake Auction. She was an avid reader, and enjoyed playing Euchre. She along with her husband enjoyed travel across the United States and Europe. Shirley was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, who greatly enjoyed the time she spent with her family.

Shirley is survived by five children, Nancy (David) McVicker of Spokane, WA, Mike (Chris) Echemann of Millersport, Jerry Echemann of Martins Ferry, Jane (Chase) Johnson of Zanesville, and Wendy (Kim Hickman) Blosser of Queen Creek, AZ; ten grandchildren, Ted (Kimberly) Echemann, Claire (Chris) Davis, Erin (Sean) McManus, Amelia (Travis) Roberts, Mary (Ryan) Holladay, Austin Echemann, Spencer Echemann, Jenna Johnson, Caroline (fiancée R.J.

Hindel) Johnson, and Andrew Blosser; eight great children, William and Benjamin Davis, Aubrey Echemann, Brody Echemann, Taylor Echemann, Anna Roberts, Olivia Roberts and Michael Holladay, and several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

In addition to her parents, Shirley was preceded in death by her husband of over 57 years, Ted Echemann, and one brother, Eddie Oldiges.

Friends may call Friday, January 30, 2026, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM, at the Hillis Combs Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:30 AM, Saturday, January 31, 2026, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 144 North Fifth Street, Zanesville, with Fr. Stephen Ondrey as celebrant. Shirley will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband in Mt. Olive Cemetery. To sign the online guestbook or leave a personal note of condolence please visit www.hilliscombsfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Olive Cemetery

2057 East Pike
Zanesville, OH 43701

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home
935 Forest Avenue
Zanesville, OH 43701
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Mass of Christian Burial

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St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
144 North Fifth Street
Zanesville, OH 43701

Tribute Wall



“ *Hillis Combs Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Mae Echemann*



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - January 30 at 07:29 PM

RZ

“ *How fortunate your children were to have had their mother for so many years. I still find myself thinking I should ask my mom about that! Enjoy your memories*❤️

Ruth J. Zimmerly - January 31 at 11:43 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Echemann family*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - January 31 at 06:03 AM



“ 59 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - January 30 at 03:13 PM

T&

“ *Tim, Mary Pat, Lila, Conrad & Lauren purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Shirley Mae Echemann.*



Tim, Mary Pat, Lila, Conrad & Lauren - January 30 at 09:16 AM

DS

“ *Jane, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was such a sweet lady and I always enjoyed seeing her the office. Prayers & hugs to you & your family.
RIP Shirley. Dottie*

Dorothy Shinn - January 29 at 07:48 PM

YF

“ *Yeager Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Shirley Mae Echemann.*



Yeager Family - January 29 at 04:31 PM

MV

“ *Mark V. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Shirley Mae Echemann.*



Mark V. - January 29 at 04:24 PM

CB

“ *Jane & all your family,
I send my sincere condolences!
I knew your Mom for many years!
I met up with her again at Primrose!
Such a sweet caring lady!
She had a long productive life!
May she rest in peace!
Sincerely,
Carol Burns*

Carol Burns - January 29 at 12:40 PM

LD

“ *Lois & Darla purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Shirley Mae Echemann.*



Lois & Darla - January 29 at 11:57 AM