



## Shirley E. Ray

October 6, 1954 - December 3, 2018

Shirley Eilers Ray (Vaughan), 64, of Zanesville, returned to her heavenly home, December 3, 2018, following a sudden illness at her home. Shirley was born October 6, 1954, in Starkville, MS, the daughter of the late James and Evelyn (Craven) Vaughan and was a member of the Anchor Church. She was a devout Christian and enjoyed spreading God's work and love to all she met. Shirley was known for her love a butterflies and throughout her life resided in Mississippi, Florida and Ohio.

Shirley is survived by her daughters, Amanda (Ryan) Fessenden of Gainesville, FL & Heather (Brandon) McKnight of Savannah, GA; two grandchildren, Ethan and Cambria; siblings James (Betty Jo) Vaughan of Starkville, MS, Brian (Joyce) Vaughan of Naples Florida, Cynthia Humphrey of Naples, FL and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held 11:00 AM, Saturday, December 15, 2018, at the Anchor Church, 1365 Chamberlin Street, Zanesville, and all are welcome. A caring cremation has taken place and her remains will be scattered in Mississippi. The family would like to thank Brittany Dalton for her companionship and dedication to Shirley. Flowers and donations are gracefully declined, but prayers, condolences and memories are welcome at [www.hilliscombsnestor.com](http://www.hilliscombsnestor.com)



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

DEC **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Anchor Church  
1365 Chamberlin Street  
Zanesville, OH 43701

# Tribute Wall



“ Shirley E. Ray

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ Rest in peace. I know that you are home with the Lord. Jody Patterson

Jody Patterson - December 16, 2018 at 02:56 PM



“ Shirley, my big sister I loved you, singing Christmas songs together at home, going driving around looking at Christmas lights in our teenage years. Going on trips together when we got over. Growing up learning. About God, forgiveness, forgiveness to other and I self's. Wish you had made it back to go on another trip together. With Gods love I see you in heaven. Your little sis..

CYNTHIA Humphrey - December 12, 2018 at 08:09 PM



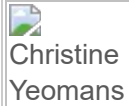
“ I meet Shirley (Delilah was what she called herself sometimes) at Club Jesus. I said hello & she smiled & said hi. We have been friends for 10 yrs. & Emmaus Share Group Sisters for 7 yrs.

Maggie Jenkins - December 10, 2018 at 04:05 PM



“ My heartfelt friend, we knew each others secrets and memories for 33 years. I will miss you so much. Godspeed my friend.

Christine Yeomans - December 10, 2018 at 10:25 AM



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“ *Christine Yeomans lit a candle in memory of Shirley E. Ray*



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**Christine Yeomans** - December 10, 2018 at 10:21 AM

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“ *Shirley was my sweet and loving friend of over 40 years. We shared many precious memories, We worked at Baptist Memorial Hospital-GT of which was Lowndes General Hospital back in the 70's. We grew to be close friends and when she moved to Naples, Florida I would go visit her. We had fun times going to the beach. Amanda and Heather were small girls and we'd play with them digging in the sand and at the waters shore. She had a business called The Magical Unicorn in Naples. I was crafty and I'd send her boxes of my crafts to put in her store. Shirley would come back to Mississippi and we'd visit for days while she was here. We would always go and visit Waverly Mansion in Clay County. We both loved the Victorian time era and Waverly Mansion has a history that goes back to the Civil War. When Heather was a baby Shirley called me and asked me if I would come to Florida for Heather's Christening and to be named her legal God Mother in a church ceremony. I said of course I absolutely would and we did. That was just one of the happy times we had together. After a while she moved to Ohio and We didn't get to see as much of each other but she did come to visit a few times when coming to see family. Of course we made our trip to Waverly Mansion the last time we had a visit. I will always miss and Love you my sweet friend. I'll see you again someday and we'll have heavenly times forever.*

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**Shirley Frye Tolison** - December 10, 2018 at 09:48 AM