



Shirley M. Howard

January 24, 1935 - March 9, 2026

Shirley M. Howard, 91, of Bourbonnais, passed away peacefully on March 9, 2026.

Shirley was born in Sheldon, Illinois, to Otto and Delores Kohl (Fields). She lived a long life centered around family and will be remembered for her kindness, strength, and the love she shared with those around her.

She is survived by her six children: Mark Steele, Brian Steele, Mitch Steele, Lori Lyons, David Smith, and Jason Howard. She is also survived by three stepchildren: Mary Lee, Dorrine Smith, and L. D. Smith. Shirley leaves behind 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, all of whom brought her great pride and joy. A special thank you to her Care giver Kashmir Ratty and Uplifted Care CNA's and Nurses.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband, James Howard; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A celebration of Shirley's life will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 1pm - 4pm at the Beckman Building 1605 Cobb Blvd Kankakee, IL 60901.

Memorial donations may be made in Shirley's honor to Uplifted Care or the Bradley American Legion.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 21. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Beckman Park Fieldhouse
1605 Cobb Blvd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Shirley M. Howard.*



March 14 at 07:30 PM



“ *Judy Steele lit a candle in memory of Shirley M. Howard*



Judy Steele - March 12 at 10:36 AM



Thank you Judy marksteeee86@yahoo.com

mark steele - March 13 at 09:43 AM