



## Shirley Marie Hughes

March 21, 1943 - June 28, 2025

Shirley Marie Hughes, 82, of Ashkum, passed away on June 28, 2025 at Miller Health Care in Kankakee.

Shirley was born on March 21, 1943 in Jackson, Mississippi, the daughter of Benny and Vertnell (Jamison) Franklin.

Shirley retired from the City of Chicago Parking Enforcement. She enjoyed cooking, and loved traveling with her partner of 39 years, Louis Martin.

Shirley is survived by her sons, David (Shannon) Hughes of Jackson, Mississippi and Jeremy (Melissa) Hughes of Calumet Park; daughters, Audra Williams of Jackson, Mississippi and Stefanie (Robert) Hunt of Chicago; significant other, Louis Martin of Ashkum; eighteen grandchildren; twenty-great grandchildren; six nieces; two nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Benny and Vertnell Franklin; daughter, Gwendloyn Townsend; brother, James D. Jamion; sister, Frances Webster and brother-in-law, Norman Webster.

“A Life Well Lived”

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The best Mother-in-Law Ever : A Life Well-Lived*

*Losing someone you love is never easy. My family and I faced the heartbreaking loss of my mother-in-law. She wasn't just a mother to my spouse or a mother to her children she was a pillar of strength, wisdom, and kindness in all our lives.*

*Losing her has left a void, one that we're still learning how to navigate. I'm grateful to have known Ms Shirley not only for the best fried porkchop & fried corn 🍷 just to be loved by her was priceless? Her legacy lives on in the values she instilled in her children , in the laughter we still will hear when we come together, and share all our memories of her.. Thank you Ms Shirley for embracing and welcoming me into your family!*

*We going to miss you dearly and your unconditionally love ❤️ Take your rest, Gone Too Soon, But Never Forgotten: Shannon*

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**Shannon Evans Hughes** - July 05, 2025 at 01:05 AM

JF

“ *My family & i will miss our Shirley! Her & Lou were pretty special to us. They were special friends & neighbors!*

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**Julie Cailteux & family** - July 02, 2025 at 08:45 PM

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Jeremy J Hughes - July 02, 2025 at 04:28 PM

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Jeremy J Hughes - July 02, 2025 at 04:26 PM

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“ Your JPMC family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Shirley Marie Hughes.



Your JPMC family - July 02, 2025 at 01:37 PM

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Melissa Hughes - July 02, 2025 at 01:24 PM

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Melissa Hughes - July 02, 2025 at 01:21 PM

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Melissa Hughes - July 02, 2025 at 01:18 PM

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“ To my Ms. Shirley Marie...I'm so thankful that I was able to spend the past few months with you. I told Jerry multiple times, I didn't "have to come." Instead, "I had the opportunity to come." To be able to be there and help in any capacity was a blessing. It was a gift to me to listen to your stories about your childhood and your life. I've always loved how thoughtful, kind, funny, and encouraging you were. But it wasn't until now that I've been able to fully grasp the amount of strength & wisdom that it took to be who you were. I love and appreciate you. My kids love and appreciate you. You left a mark on us that will never heal. Until we meet again - Melissa.

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**Melissa Hughes** - July 02, 2025 at 11:56 AM

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“ Shirley was one very special lady.. We loved her so much. She will be missed when we go have coffee and tell stories.. her BBQ ribs were the best..she'd make them for us and when our grandsons came down from Wisconsin . Never did understand why she didn't like pizza..🙄  
Rest in peace Shirley..a life well lived!!  
Ken and Cheryl Hille

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**Cheryl Hille** - July 02, 2025 at 09:28 AM

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Mama you are well loved and missed. You were the Martha Stewart before there was a Martha Stewart. Mama cooked, gardened, knit and sewed. You even made your own clothes. Mama you exemplified the Proverbs 31 woman. I will miss your ribs, macaroni and cheese, gumbo, and your fried corn was the best. You were so wise and so funny. I will never forget the love and kindness that you always showed. You were funny right up until the end. I am so glad that you don't have to suffer any more you were so strong. I love you and miss you dearly. You lived a wonderful life mama take your rest. Say hello to all who passed on before you especially Gail. Love you  
4EVERAND1DAY your loving daughter Stefanie Hunt, Geno, Deveon, Dominique, Chayil, and baby Zaira

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**Stefanie Hunt** - July 02, 2025 at 11:30 AM