



Shirley Utz

March 20, 1940 - March 25, 2025

Services for Shirley Ann Conant Utz, of Longview will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at Stewart Family funeral Home with Rev. Ed Hogan and Alden Utz officiating. Burial will follow at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Shirley passed away Tuesday, March 25, 2025 in Tyler. She was born on March 20, 1940, in Angus, Texas to Homer Freeman Conant and Maggie Viola Massey Conant.

She grew up in Tyler and attended Tyler High School where she met the love of her life Elvyn Utz. They married in 1958 at Friendly Baptist Church in Tyler. After moving to Longview, the couple became members of Mobberly Baptist Church and raised their family there.

Shirley loved Jesus and was a devoted prayer warrior. She spent most of her day praying for those in need. She loved to talk. She loved to laugh. Spending time with her was always a good laugh.

She loved flowers and her arrangements were the best in town. Her husband never left the grocery store without a fresh bouquet to bring home to her.

She saw the beauty in the simplest of things. She would often walk outside and marvel at a pinecone or leaf on the ground and bring it in the house as

decor for the table.

She loved her family. Every time she saw a loved one, she asked them, “do you know how much I love you?” The response was often, “yes, because you tell me every time I see you.” Friends and family members always left her house knowing they were loved by her.

Shirley was preceded in death by her mother and father; her sister Sybil Louise Conant Bailey; and her brother Thurman Lee Conant; son Jeffrey David Utz and her husband of almost 62 years James Elvyn Utz.

She is survived by her two daughters and sons-in-law, Carrie Ann and Cameron Potter and Amy and Doug Fouse; one son and daughter-in-law Byron and Ronda Tapp Utz; grandchildren, Alden Utz, Alex Utz, Julian Utz, and Chloe Fouse Cotts; and one great-grandchild William Jeffrey Cotts.

Visitation is scheduled from 1:00-2:00 p.m. on April 1, 2025 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made in her honor to Kingdom Life Academy at 2804 Garden Valley Road, Tyler, Texas 75702.

Cemetery Details

Tyler Memorial Park

12053 SH 64 West
Tyler, TX 75704

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

APR 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Utz



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 31, 2025 at 03:25 PM

JC

Amy and Carie, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. My Heart goes out to you. Sending love, hugs, prayers, and comforting thoughts.

John David Creamer - April 01, 2025 at 09:09 AM

ML

“ My prayers and sincere condolences to Amy and the entire family.

Todd Lestage



M. Todd Lestage - April 02, 2025 at 01:08 PM

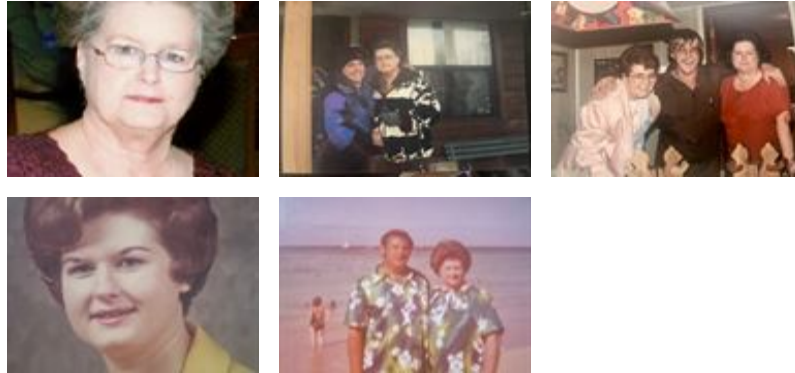
RM

“ So sorry to hear, Shirley was always so great to everyone, miss and love the Utz family.

Rick Moeller - April 01, 2025 at 06:59 AM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 31, 2025 at 03:17 PM

BF

“ Beth Fouse and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shirley Utz.



Beth Fouse and family - March 31, 2025 at 12:35 PM

CL

“ Carolyn Lauren & Lanie purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Shirley Utz.



Carolyn Lauren & Lanie - March 28, 2025 at 09:14 AM

CL

“ Carolyn Lauren & Lanie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Utz.

Carolyn Lauren & Lanie - March 28, 2025 at 09:14 AM