



Shirley Louise Nicalek

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Shirley Louise Nicalek, 68, of Ellenton, FL passed away peacefully on Monday, February 7, 2022 at her home with her husband by her side. Born July 6, 1953 in Winter Garden, FL, she was the daughter of Donald E. Barr of Palmetto and the late Helinda Barr. She was a graduate of Palmetto High, class of 1972.

Shirley and her husband, Gene together had a passion and unique ability to create yard art for the last 27 years, selling their creations at art and craft shows here in Florida and well as Michigan in the summer.

She will be remembered and missed by her father, Donald Barr; her husband and friend of more than 46 years, Eugene "Gene" Nicalek; her children, Leslie Roman, and Donald Nicalek; her grandsons and granddaughter; and her brother and sisters. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Please check back to skywaymemorial.com for further information. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations in Shirley's memory be made to Tidewell Hospice.

<https://tidewellfoundation.org/donate/>



Tribute Wall

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JC

Jason Campbell posted:

My deepest condolences to the friends and family of Shirley. She and Gene came into my life as a customer of metals when they traveled to Michigan. She will be missed by many of us at Alro Steel. Jason Campbell

February 22 at 12:40 PM

MI

Mike posted:

They helped me by lending a hammer. While setting up in Frankinmouth. Always willing to help. Great people.

February 14 at 7:41 PM

DA

Daniel posted:

so sorry to hear of Shirley passing, I will miss her so much she was the kindest soul I have ever met she was a beautiful angle. Gene and Shirley were all ways there for me when I needed your help. she is now your Guardian angle. I will forever carry her in my heart. She will be at your side. watching over you. Sending prayers and hugs to you and your family Sincerely from the Garcia family

February 13 at 9:59 PM

FB

Frances Barr posted:

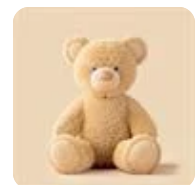
My sister Shirley was my best friend. She and Gene were never apart unless she was with me and our Dad sharing our time helping him do things he needed and cooking for him and Gene. I'm sure going to miss her every day. I love you Sis!!

February 11 at 3:24 PM

NF

Nancy Nicalek Fowler sent a virtual gift in honor of Shirley.

My sister-in-law Shirley was such an influence in my life taught me to cook, taught me to be a better mom and her and Gene showed me what true love really was. Be greatly missed and always greatly loved



February 10 at 12:22 PM



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Leslie Needham posted:

Dear Friends, My heart aches today as I'm writing to tell you we have lost our dear friend, Shirley Nicalek. Most of you who've been at our Frankenmuth shows recognize and know her. Residents of Florida, and doing shows there in the winter, she and husband Gene came to Michigan to sell during the summer season. For 12 years Shirley and Gene "The Bug People", have been setting up their picket fence display and filling it with artfully created, colorfully painted, whimsical metal pieces. Bugs, pigs, birds, flowers, geckos, bees, all assembled from golf clubs, meat grinders, spoons, wrenches, scissors, empty propane tanks and... you name it. Shirley was one of the hardest working women that I have known. She absolutely loved it and lived to create those pieces. She and Gene were a team, working together as a well oiled machine. She was an expert gardener, and canner, with beautiful flowers and a large vibrant vegetable garden. She would fill a large chest freezer with bounty from their garden and take it back to Florida! Summers in Michigan she liked nothing better than to grab a cup of coffee and watch for the deer and turkeys to come out from the woods and visit in their peaceful northern paradise. Humming birds by the dozens flitted around her feeders. After being diagnosed with cancer, in March 2020, she kept right on working, it gave her a reason to fight. Covid-19 slowed down the shows they attended but that didn't stop her from creating. December 20,2021 she was confirmed cancer free, she had beaten it! January 21st was a devastating day as Doctors reported that an extremely aggressive cancer had developed. Shirley passed away on February, 7th she will be missed by all. Rest in Peace, dear Shirley. ❤️ We Love you and miss you. Doug and Leslie Needham

February 10 at 11:59 AM



Joanne posted:

I always enjoyed shopping for Shirley and Gene's bugs at the Frankenmuth shows. My condolences to Gene and the family.

February 10 at 11:44 AM



Frances Barr sent a virtual gift in honor of Shirley.



February 10 at 8:53 AM



Frances Barr lit a candle in honor of Shirley.



February 10 at 8:51 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Shirley by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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