



Shirley Jean Spencer

September 11, 1950 - March 23, 2026

On March 23, 2026, Shirley Jean Spencer, 75 years of age, left this world surrounded by love at Circle of Life Hospice, concluding a life filled with warmth, kindness, and cherished memories.

Born on September 11, 1950, in Wallace, North Carolina. Shirley was the beloved daughter of Billy and Beulah Willis. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents and her son-in-law, Jeff Watson.

Shirley is survived by her devoted husband of 41 years, Robert Spencer. Together, they crafted a beautiful life, rich with shared experiences and enduring memories. Their love story serves as a timeless inspiration to all who knew them.

A proud graduate of Springdale High School's class of 1968, Shirley pursued her passion for physical education and dance at the University of Arkansas. She was a beloved PE teacher at Elmdale Elementary, where she inspired countless young minds, and later was one of Arkansas's pioneering female pharmacy technicians at the VA Hospital. Shirley's professional journey was marked by her commitment to excellence and her trailblazing spirit.

Family was always at the heart of Shirley's life. She leaves behind her sisters Marcia Springston of Springdale, AR and Brenda Marrs (Dwayne) of

Huntsville, AR. She also leaves behind two daughters, Cindy Eagleman (husband Stacey) of West Plains, MO, and Amy Watson (late husband Jeff) of Springdale, AR, and one son, Brian Spencer (wife Hallie) of Madison, WI, who all carry forward her legacy of compassion and love. Her granddaughters, Whitney Brandenburg and husband Casey, and Kayla Brink and husband Jamie, both of Durham, AR, were the joy of her life, along with her cherished great-grandchildren: Madison, Grayson, and Payson Brandenburg, and Kynlee and Easton Brink.

Shirley had a profound love for scrapbooking, arts and crafts, baking, and dancing. Her creations were not just crafts but heartfelt treasures, and her baked goods brought comfort and joy to many gatherings. She had a unique gift for making everyone feel welcome and loved, a quality that endeared her to all and made her a cherished friend to many. She was proudly known as THE Other Nana, a title she cherished deeply.

A celebration of Shirley's life will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at 2:00 PM at Sisco Funeral Home in Springdale. A visitation will be held on Friday, March 27th from 5-7. Family, friends, and all whose lives were touched by Shirley are invited to join in honoring her memory and celebrating the beautiful life she lived.

In this time of sorrow, we find comfort in knowing Shirley is at peace in the presence of the Lord. Her life was a reflection of His love, and that love will continue to live on in all who knew her. She will be deeply missed until we are reunited again.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Friendship Cemetery

1980 E. Friendship Road
Springdale, AR 72764
<http://www.friendship-cemetery.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 West Meadow
Springdale, AR 72764
(479) 751-4577
siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ Charles Huskey purchased the *Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum* for the family of Shirley Jean Spencer.



Charles Huskey - March 27 at 07:10 PM

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“ Tonya Rivenbark Prescott lit a candle in memory of Shirley Jean Spencer



Tonya Rivenbark Prescott - March 26 at 05:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley Jean Spencer.



March 26 at 01:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley Jean Spencer.

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FJ

“ From Eleanor, Chris,, Diane, JoAnn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Jean Spencer.

From Eleanor, Chris,, Diane, JoAnn - March 26 at 09:46 AM

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“ From Eleanor, Chris,, Diane, JoAnn purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Shirley Jean Spencer.



From Eleanor, Chris,, Diane, JoAnn - March 26 at 09:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Jean Spencer.



March 25 at 03:57 PM

JF

“ Amy, I'm so sorry for your loss! Your Mom and I were in grad school classes together, she lit up the classroom. All my love to you and the girls- Janet

Janet Ford - March 25 at 12:14 PM