



## Shirley Ann Cole

September 26, 1957 - April 24, 2023

Age 65, of Braceville, IL passed away Monday, April 24, 2023 at Silver Cross Medical Center in New Lenox, IL with her loving family by her side. Born September 26, 1957 in Chicago, IL to Paul and Margaret (nee Crowley) Sterling. She graduated from Reed-Custer High School with the class of 1975. She spent over 20 years as a waitress and school bus driver. Later in life, she retired from Waste Management. Shirley enjoyed gardening and always took pride in making her yard beautiful. An animal lover, through the years she had countless dogs and birds. She was very fun loving and compassionate and was a stranger to no one. Shirley had a love for all children and was known as Mom, Grammy or Mimi to everyone around her. More than anything, family was her first priority. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister as well as a friend to many. She will be dearly missed.

Surviving are three daughters, Barbara Jean (Paul) Colabuono of Braceville, Virginia Mamie (Kalvin) Noonan of Creal Springs, IL, and Betty Jo (Jake) Byers of Marion, IL; eight grandchildren, Daytona (Stephanie) Fisher, Rilley Harrod, Maggie Harrod, Kylan Colabuono, Giavanna Colabuono, Tristan Noonan, Alana Noonan, and Jacob Byers; five great-grandchildren, Kayden Harrod, Jaxson Fisher, Elliott Fisher, Felix Fisher and Kolsyn Harrod; brothers, Terry (Becky) Sterling of Custer Park, IL, Gary (Karen) Sterling of Wilmington, IL and Jerry Sterling; and numerous nieces, nephews, and their families. Preceding her in death were her parents, Paul and Margaret; and beloved

husband, Jerry Allen Cole, whom passed away April 22, 2017.

Visitation for Shirley will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Monday, May 1, 2023 from 3-7 p.m. Cremation rites will be accorded following visitation. Memorial services will also be at the funeral home Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. Inurnment will follow in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. For more information and to visit her online guestbook, please log on to [rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
(815) 458-2336  
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

## Memorial Service

MAY 2. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
(815) 458-2336  
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com  
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## Graveside Service

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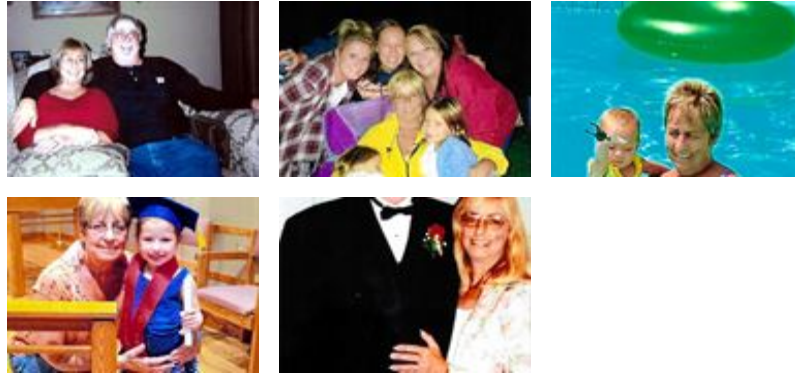
MAY 2. 1:00 PM - 1:15 PM (CT)

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery  
20953 W. Hoff Rd.  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Tribute Wall



“ 103 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - April 28, 2023 at 12:34 PM

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“ Our sympathy to the family of Shirley Cole, may God bless you all with peace and comfort and may the many wonderful memories help you during this difficult time.  
*Jack and Lois Knepper*

lois knepper - April 27, 2023 at 10:53 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers to Shirley's family and friends. Always enjoyed waiting on her and her brother Terry at the Wilmington House .  
*Great Lady.*



Mary Chaney - April 27, 2023 at 11:52 AM

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“ *My sincere condolences.*



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**Amy Post** - April 27, 2023 at 10:05 AM

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“ *aimee tarman sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Cole*



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**aimee tarman** - April 26, 2023 at 07:54 PM

JC

“ *Jimmy Peggy Cole lit a candle in memory of Shirley Cole*



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**Jimmy and Peggy Cole** - April 26, 2023 at 03:52 PM

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“ *She was my aunt but definitely more like a mother. Always willing to listen to you talk, keep a secret if need be, and give advice whether you wanted to hear it or not. She was always the life of the party and fun to be around. It's so hard to think this is real, but know she'll be shinning down looking out for everyone she loves and cares about. ❤️ if I could say one more thing to her it would be thank you for everything you've done.*

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**Kayla** - April 26, 2023 at 03:09 PM