



Shirley Ileen MARRS

July 15, 1935 - January 16, 2026

Shirley Ileen MARRS

(nee Coleman)

Age 90, of Wilmington, IL, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 16, 2026, at her home, surrounded by her loving family. Shirley was born on July 15, 1935, in Denver, CO, to William and Nadine (Bryant) Coleman.

On October 1, 1960, she married the love of her life, William Earl MARRS, in Denver, CO. Together they shared 37 wonderful years of marriage, building a life centered on love, family, and devotion, until his passing in 1998.

Shirley was a dedicated and hardworking woman. She was employed as a data processor with Ecolab in Joliet, IL, and volunteered to prepare taxes at several area libraries for nearly 25 years.

In her free time, Shirley enjoyed quilting, crocheting, reading, and she loved Sudoku. She also enjoyed water skiing. Above all, Shirley adored her family. She went to every one of her grandchildren's sporting events and treasured time spent together as a family, especially with her grandchildren.

Shirley is lovingly survived by her five sons, William "Bill" (Peggy) MARRS, of New Iberia, LA; Rick (Vicki) MARRS, of Franklin, TN; Mike (Lora) MARRS, of Ocala, FL; Ron MARRS, of Bonfield, IL; and Dave MARRS, of Wilmington, IL. Her pride and joy were her family, and she found her greatest happiness in being a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She leaves behind twelve cherished grandchildren, Terry, Francis, Kristyn, Andrew, Jenifer, Nicole, Kim, Rebecca, Emily, Alyssa, Natalya, and Karina,

each of whom held a very special place in her heart. Shirley was also blessed with twelve great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, and she delighted in watching her family continue to grow through the generations. She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband; and her daughter-in-law, Anne Marrs.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Friday, January 23, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., with funeral services beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Pastor Mike Strunga will officiate. Inurnment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Braidwood, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in Shirley's name may be made to the Wilmington Fire Prevention District.

Please make checks payable to:

Wilmington Fire Prevention District

Mail to:

Attn: Miranda Cupples

Wilmington Fire Prevention District

201 North Kankakee St

Wilmington, IL 60481

For more information and to visit Shirley's online guestbook, please visit www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory

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Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Inurnment

JAN **23** (CT)

Oakwood Cemetery-Braidwood
Essex Road
Braidwood, IL

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I worked at Ecolab with Shirley. Please accept my sincere condolences. I was one of the lunch ladies.
Shirley Hickey



Shirley Hickey - January 26 at 09:45 PM

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“ *Doug and Linda Mandat*



Linda Mandat (Parrish) - January 22 at 09:57 PM

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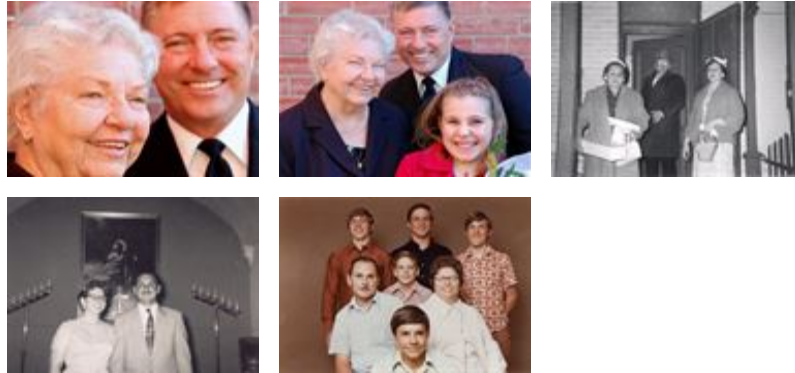
“ *Jim and Peggy Cole lit a candle in memory of Shirley Marrs*



Jim and Peggy Cole - January 21 at 08:00 PM



“ 64 files added to the album Life Tributes



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - January 21 at 12:34 PM



Mom enjoyed such a full life and touched so many people. We, her family, greatly appreciated all the support and love shared today.

Rick Marrs - January 23 at 09:58 PM

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“ *I worked with Shirley at Ecolab. She was very kind. What a blessed life she lived. I know she will be missed by all who loved her. May her memory be eternal. Condolences to the family.*

Marie Powell - January 18 at 09:28 PM