



Shirley Jean Ellis

February 14, 1936 - July 25, 2016

Shirley Jean Ellis, 80 was born February 14, 1936 in San Gabriel, Texas to Ruth Lucille (Hill) and Howard Newell Locklin. She passed away at her home in Evansville, Indiana on Monday, July 25, 2016. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 30, 2016 in the Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. Interment will be at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rockdale. There will be a celebration of Shirley's life on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at Grace & Peace Lutheran Church, 200 South Boeke Road in Evansville, Indiana.

Her elementary and high school years were spent in Thorndale, where she excelled in sports. She especially loved volleyball. Both of her daughters played and she never missed a game.

Shirley left Thorndale for Houston where she met and married Theodore Ellis. They had three children. She was preceded in death by both parents and four siblings, Margie Lou Graves in 1959, Norma Ruth Lamar in 1992, Neville Newell "Pete" Locklin in 1979 and Janell Locklin Young in 1990.

Her family moved to Missouri where they operated a dairy farm for several years and where she also had world class gardens. She always said that those were some of her happiest years.

Shirley was a great dancer and creative person who, for several years at

Christmas time, would plan and execute Christmas shows which entertained and featured as many of her relatives and friends as could be trained in the intricate art of “showbiz”.

She is survived by her son, Tony Ellis and his wife Kathy of Pflugerville; two daughters, Stephanie Ellis of Porter, Texas and Stacey Ellis Moore and husband Donnie of Evansville, Indiana; sister, Josie Locklin Newton Bird of Evansville, Indiana; in-laws, Ron and Vicki Young; niece, Mallory and Mark Lowe and niece, Sterling and Don Crance all of Evansville, Indiana.

Cemetery Details

I.O.O.F. Cemetery

850 N. Main St.
Rockdale, TX 76567

Previous Events

Chapel Service

JUL **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
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Rockdale, TX 76567
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Cathy Roper and Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Shirley Jean Ellis.*



Cathy Roper and Family - July 28, 2016 at 09:03 AM

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“ *Shirley was fun, talented, artistic, and loved to laugh and have fun, and especially loved being surrounded by her family. Sending Jo and the family loads of big hugs and loving thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort during your grief. God's blessings to you all.*



Cathy Roper - July 28, 2016 at 08:11 AM



“ *Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Jean Ellis.*



July 27, 2016 at 08:03 PM