



Shirlee J. Fissette

June 17, 1935 - June 14, 2018

COLEBROOK – Shirlee J. Fissette, 82, passed away on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at the Coös County Nursing Hospital in West Stewartstown after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson’s disease.

She was born on June 17, 1935, in West Stewartstown, the daughter of the late Ernest D. and Mary Charlotte (Baker) Biron. She lived in Maine, NH, and Vermont before moving to Massachusetts where she graduated from high school in Littleton, Mass.

Shirlee loved the beach and the sunshine. She was quick witted and loved to sing and dance. She was an amazing cook and her love of entertaining her friends and family extended to her decades long career in the hotel, motel, and restaurant industry. Many will remember her special hospitality during her ownership of the Colebrook House where she was famous for Fruit Compote and the Colebrook House Dip. She was a champion bowler, loved to play cards, and was particularly talented at cribbage, bridge, and canasta. She loved word games of all kind, especially Scrabble. She had a special passion for her fellow ‘Red Hatters’ and was very proud of her involvement in the formation of the Red Hatted Rascals.

Shirlee is survived by her 3 children: Debbie King and husband Fred of Loudon, NH, Randy Sambito and Patti Arrington of Church Hill, Tenn., and Sheryl “Gidget” Manchester and Thomas R. Smith of Spokane, Wash.; five step-children: Eric and wife Mary Fissette of West Stewartstown, NH, Kevin Fissette of Florida, Gregory Fissette of Wisconsin, Jason Fissette of Tennessee, and Michelle DuMars and husband Randy of Florida; eight siblings: James and wife Lynda Biron of Colebrook, Michael and wife Marsha Biron of Colebrook, David and wife Ann Biron of Nashville, Tenn., Barbara and husband Laurent Dumont of Bath, Ontario, Jean and husband George Caird of Colebrook, Mary and husband Ron Pirog of Gettysburg, Penn., Judith and husband Philip Ryan of Bedford, NH, and Kathleen Biron-Brooks and husband Syd of Rochester NH; a sister-in-law, Nancy Biron of Colebrook; as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her loving husband of 36 years, Robert "Red" Fissette in 2013, a son, Jimmy Sambito, and a brother, Robert Biron.

Calling hours will be on Sunday, July 8, 2018, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A memorial service will be the next morning, Monday, July 9, at 11 a.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Colebrook, with The Rev. Timothy Brooks officiating. Interment will immediately follow at the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Shirlee may be made to either Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o R. Mulliken, 53 Spring St., Colebrook, NH 03576; or the Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131; or online at www.parkinson.org.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

The family has entrusted her care to the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

Cemetery Details

Colebrook Village Cemetery

North Main Street, U.S. Route 3
Colebrook, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Tribute Wall

JD

“ To Randy, Debbie, and Gidget, I am so sorry to hear about your mother. Here it is 9/29/24 and I heard it yesterday! Where? Do you remember a family on Mill Rd. in Littleton, Ma. by the last name of Zdanawicz? Every year I get on my Harley and cruise through Littleton and check out the old neighborhood, and visit them. The only other adult alive is Mrs. Greycloud. She,s in N. Dakota with Vicky. The saw mill shut down a few yrs. ago and is now a paving co. Randy was my best friend, your Dad or Walter cut my hair, we went swimming at Herpey,s dairy, stopped at the Penny Candy Store and I never could make up my mind who was the most beautiful? Your mom, Debbie,(who I had a secret crush on) or Gidget? I actually bumped into Ellen at the Colebrook House back in the mid 80,s. I was, and still am, an avid snowmobiler. I asked for everyone and she told me about "Little Jimmy"!(RIP). Your mother was like a 2nd mother to me but she was great to all the kids and I will always remember her as 1 of the nicest persons I have ever known in this crazy mixed up world we now live in! I can,t remember what I had for lunch the other day, but I will never forget growing up in the 60,s and being friends with you people! It was an honor!! I even remember the old model T your dad had downstairs in the garage! Guaranteed, Shirlee is now not suffering, and is with Jimmy and God. Sincerely, Jeff Dusti Shirley, Ma. age 68 retired

Jeffrey Dusti - September 29, 2024 at 12:34 PM

AG

“ At the end of the full treatment course, the disease is totally under control. No case of dementia, hallucination, weakness, muscle pain or tremors. family doctor started me on Mayaka Natural Clinic Parkinson's Disease Herbal mixture, 2 months into treatment I improved dramatically. At the end of the full treatment course, the disease is totally under control. No case of dementia, hallucination, weakness, muscle pain or tremors. visit [mayakanaturalclinic . c o m](http://mayakanaturalclinic.com)

Amy Grahams - April 09, 2021 at 04:17 AM

GF

“ I recently found out Shirlee passed away. I was sad to find this out by the Internet. I was not close to my father or Shirlee. But Robert and Shirlee are now together and I pray that they are in heaven together. I wanted to be a good son and step son to them both. But I was not. What I have found to be ever so true is you don't know what you got until it is gone.... Life is to short... And I am forever sorry for not being a good son or step son to them both.

Gregory Arthur Fissette - February 25, 2021 at 10:05 PM

EB

“ *Debbie, Randy, and Gidget...just wanted to send my heartfelt sympathies to all of you and your families on your loss. It was indeed a pleasure and privilege to take care of Shirley this past year while at "the County." We shared many a laugh and memory. I'll think of her daily as one of my favorites.*

*All the Best,
Eric Brungot*

Eric Brungot - July 10, 2018 at 03:59 AM

RF

“ *Debbie, Randy, & Gidget I just wanted to say how sorry I am to hear of your mom's passing. I remember the family gatherings in Littleton with lots of food and laughter and your mom's vibrant smile and laughter. Thinking of you and wishing your memories are of all the fun and wonderful times.*

*Best wishes,
Richard Furbush*

RF - July 08, 2018 at 05:40 PM

HH

“ *Our deepest condolences go out the family on your loss.*

Haven & Peggy Haynes - June 29, 2018 at 08:15 AM

NR

“ *Debbie, Randy, & Gidget, I was truly saddened to hear of Aunt Shirlee's passing. She was a wonderful person and I have such great memories of her laughter, and as Patty said her sweet smile and being full of life. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love, Aunt Julie and Nancy*



Nancy Rachel - June 26, 2018 at 11:47 AM

PB

“ *So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I have fond memories of her at our family gatherings on Adams Street when we were kids. I always remember her sweet smile and being full of life, enjoying her family. My deepest condolences go out to you and your family.*
Patty (Sambito) Brown



Patricia Brown - June 26, 2018 at 10:16 AM

LK

“ Pat and I were sorry to learn about Shirlee's passing. She was a great friend and the memories we have of her are a treasure that will last forever.

Pat and Les Klinefelter

Leslie Klinefelter - June 24, 2018 at 07:47 AM

CR

“ Debby, how can anyone who knew your Mom have only ONE moment to share?

She was a generous Mom as you and I spent time together long before I actually worked for her. When, by the way, she exacted her mentoring ability, and taught me well.

Getting to know your family when you moved to Colebrook held a traumatic time when Jimmy died. I admired all your strengths as you allowed your loving little brother to pass to Heaven with such grace.

Life doesn't always offer room for fair. Heartache seems to comes around again as the Lord decides when it is time for our loved ones to join Him.

What amazes me, is how each loss changes us, changes our grounding, changes our sense of mortality. What also amazes me is how those we know and love surround us in a cocoon of comfort during those times, when we need it most.

On that note, know that you can draw on all those who love you, love your family, and of course loved your Mom. The wonder of your Mom will always be with all of you.

Shirley left a good memory for each of the people whose life she touched. Thank you for sharing her with us.

With sympathy and empathy to you and your family,

Cindy Roy

Cindy Roy - June 22, 2018 at 08:27 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shirlee J. Fissette.



June 20, 2018 at 09:40 PM



“ *Our thoughts and deepest sympathy Deb and Fred. Love you, Elaine and scooter*

Lainie Landry - June 20, 2018 at 08:14 PM

GP

“ *We are so sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with you!*

Gilles & Priscilla - June 20, 2018 at 06:02 PM

SF

“ *I'm so sorry to here of Shirlee's passing, enjoyed our visits together, she will be missed by so many.*

Sheil Fissette - June 18, 2018 at 05:42 PM

GJ

“ *Thoughts and prayers for the Biron family at this sad time.*

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PH

“ *Debbie, Gidget and Randy, Your mother was the strongest and bravest woman I ever knew. Through all these many years she mustered on like a real trooper. Her love of life was evident in everything she did. She loved her family and her friends dearly. May she rest in peace and may you know that she is organizing some kind of game or get together up there in heaven. God bless you, Patty*

Patty Hart - June 18, 2018 at 01:57 PM

JC

“ *I am so sorry, Gidget, Debbie and Randy. Your mother is such a proud and beautiful woman. Thoughts and prayers with you all at this tough time. Jan (Daley) Corliss*

Jan Corliss - June 18, 2018 at 01:23 PM



“ *Helen Daudelin lit a candle in memory of Shirlee J. Fissette*



Helen Daudelin - June 18, 2018 at 12:54 PM



“ *Shirlee will always have a special place in my heart, I will miss her dearly. Thank you Debbie, Gidget and Randy and other family members for having her be part of "the County" family*

Heidi McComiskey - June 18, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences go out to the family on your loss.*

Haven & Peggy Haynes - June 18, 2018 at 11:14 AM



“ *I am so sorry lon and the rest of the family....Losing your Mom is one of the hardest steps in life....Take care...God Bless..RIP Shirlee*

Diane Brooks - June 18, 2018 at 06:30 AM



“ *Valerie Mahnke lit a candle in memory of Shirlee J. Fissette*



Valerie Mahnke - June 18, 2018 at 06:17 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. We first met through Home Health and quickly developed a friendship. I admired her courage and her positive attitude. She never failed to give a compliment or to make me smile. Rest In Peace Shirlee.*



Linda A. Poulin - June 17, 2018 at 07:53 PM

DW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Shirlee. Please know how much I admired her courage and spunk. May God comfort all who loved her in this difficult time.

Deborah Cummings Wells - June 17, 2018 at 02:36 PM