



## Shirley A. Berry

December 25, 1935 - November 15, 2020

STEWARTSTOWN – Shirley Ann Berry, 84, of Stewartstown, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020, at the Coös County Nursing Hospital in West Stewartstown after a long period of declining health.

She was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, on Christmas Day, 1935, a daughter to the late Joseph and Pearl (Amick) Grom. Shirley was raised in St. Joseph and graduated from Benton High School in 1953.

At the age of 18, Shirley left Missouri and traveled to Denver, Colo., where she met Basil Berry who was serving in the U.S. Air Force. They married in 1958 and following his service, relocated to a home on South Hill in Stewartstown to build a life and family. She worked for many years as a bookkeeper for the Nugent Motor Co., and she also kept the books for Darwin Brooks' NAPA store in Plymouth. She later received her realtor license and worked for the local Century 21 for a period of time.

Shirley enjoyed crafts of all kinds, having many cardinals visit her birdfeeder, and she loved a parade of any kind, whether in person on the streets of Colebrook or a huge parade on TV. She enjoyed trips into the family camp, and she was known to be a successful hunter, even taking a deer in her own yard one time while her husband scoured the woods off Hall Stream unsuccessfully.

She is survived by her two sons, Scott Berry and wife Lynn of Abingdon, Va., and Steve Berry and wife Barb of Colebrook; five grandchildren, Melyssa (Derrick) Howry, Lindsay (Brian) Chase, Tanna (Aaron) Hagy, Rachel and Brad (Becky) Remillard; nine great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Judy Smiley of Horton, Kan., and Terry Cuning of St. Joseph, MO.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 40 years, Basil S. Berry, in 1998; as well as a brother, John Grom, and a sister, Karene Jameson.

A graveside interment service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 20, at the Stewartstown Hollow Cemetery, with COVID guidelines of small group and social distancing being observed.

Expressions of sympathy in Shirley's memory may be made to the CCNH Resident Activity Fund, c/o P.O. Box 10, W. Stewartstown, NH 03597.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

# Cemetery Details

## Stewartstown Hollow Cemetery

NH Route 145  
Stewartstown, NH

# Previous Events

## Graveside

NOV **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Stewartstown Hollow Cemetery  
NH Route 145  
Stewartstown, NH

# Tribute Wall



“Garden Accent Stone - *"Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Berry.



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November 23, 2020 at 08:22 AM



“I have so many fond memories of times spent at your house. I was there more than I was home. Shirley was more than a friend and a neighbor. She took me in as one of her own, and I can not express enough how much of a difference that made in my childhood which brings me to Scott and Steve, I am so sorry for your loss. You were there for me when my mom passed away and you have been more than a friend all of my life. We grew up together and you made me laugh and we had so many good times, I love both of you and especially Scotty. We played games, we slid on that hill all winter and we always had a glass of lemonade or some hot chocolate waiting for us when we came back to your house. Your Mom made me feel like I was a part of your family. I used to wish that I was really your sister. The last time I saw her was shortly after your Dad passed away and we had a wonderful visit. She showed me some old pictures of us when we were young and I felt like they were taken recently. I will always remember her with love and kindness. She was a wonderful lady. God Bless you and your family, love,  
Linda

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Linda Grittner - November 21, 2020 at 09:38 AM

SB

*Thank you so much for the memories Linda. I always thought of you as a sister and Mom loved you! So many good memories on the hill with you!*

*Thanks again,  
Love Scott and Lynn...*

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**Scott Berry** - November 21, 2020 at 01:46 PM

HH

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

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**Haven Haynes** - November 18, 2020 at 07:39 PM

RC

“ *Our friendship began when we said hello at the Coos County Hospital and Nursing Home where our oldest children were born. Our husbands worked together for many years at Beecher Falls Division of Ethan Allen, Inc. We hunted and fished and played cards.*

*One of Life's greatest blessings is friends. We send our love to Scott and Steve and their families during this difficult time of loss knowing that wonderful memories will comfort them. Ruth & Les Covell*

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**Ruth & Les Covell** - November 18, 2020 at 01:22 PM

SB

*I have many great memories of you both. We rang in a lot of New Years at your house! Thank you for your kind words at Mom's graveside yesterday and thanks for being there.*

*Scott and Lynn...*

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**Scott Berry** - November 21, 2020 at 01:41 PM

JA

“ Scott, Steve and family. My deepest condolences to you all. Shirley is a special person with a beautiful soul. Have many, many fond memories with Shirley and your family, which I hold very close to my heart. Thank you for sharing your Mom with me, for that I feel very grateful and blessed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jana** - November 18, 2020 at 12:38 PM

SB

Thank you Jana! Our families have been together for a long time and lots of great memories! Thank you all for everything.  
Love, Scott and Lynn...

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**Scott Berry** - November 21, 2020 at 01:44 PM

WN

“ We extend our heartfelt condolences to Steve and Scott and family! Your mother was a wonderful lady so kind and yet could give her opinion when necessary if needed.  
Your mother married into a great family- I was fortunate enough to share as a young boy the Berry family- horn pounds fishing is just a few great experience with I had with the Berry family.  
Basil a special mentor to me while I was in leadership role at Ethan Allen, I cannot say enough how your family touched mine in many ways. As guys well know, a man is only as good as he's allowed to be- your Mother was a true example of the old saying “ behind every man there's a good woman “ and that she was. RIP Shirley  
Walter & Suzelle Noyes

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**Walter Suzelle Noyes** - November 18, 2020 at 08:47 AM

JB

“ *My deepest condolences to Shirley's family. I am so sorry for your loss. My parents were good friends with Shirley and Basil, and I remember going to their house on South Hill a lot when I was a kid.*



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**Judy Hunt Budge** - November 18, 2020 at 08:21 AM

CB

“ *Scott and Steve  
I am very sorry for the loss of Shirley. I remember her when we were kids. Always to go to the house to visit. Always a nice time!*



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**Cindy Brigham** - November 17, 2020 at 10:21 PM

MH

“Where do I begin? Grandma had so much to do with my childhood, I think about her and Grandpa almost on a daily basis. They gave me a love for so many things that I still love. Gardening, fishing, going for nature walks, camping, looking up at a starry night sky, snowmobiling, crafting, cooking....the list goes on. She was everything a kid could possibly want in a Grandma, including spoiling us with treats on many occasions. ;) We spent many overnights at their house growing up, hosted lots of family cookouts and holiday meals, and they were there for every birthday, every sports game, and every school program. They were there for me as a constant. I will never, ever forget these wonderful gifts of fun and joy that she gave me. I remember so many things. Digging up clay at their camp in the woods and teaching us how to make little clay dishes with it! Letting us paint rocks and making things with beads and plastic canvas, taking us to pick wild strawberries and then eating them with sugar and milk because there was no better way to eat them! Giving us so many adventures, the simple kind...the kind many kids do not have these days. These are things I will always cherish. My kids may not have known her well, but they are being influenced by her in so many ways, and are already learning to love many of the same things she loved. Her legacy will live on through them. Thank you Grandma, for loving me so much! I will always love and remember you, too!



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**Melyssa Howry** - November 17, 2020 at 08:13 PM

LM

*Beautiful! And true!❤️*

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**Lori MacDonald** - November 17, 2020 at 09:45 PM

SB

*Lots of great memories Melyssa, they both sure loved you girls!  
Love you, Dad and Lynn...*

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**Scott Berry** - November 21, 2020 at 01:48 PM

JB

“ *I met Shirley a few years ago. Although I didn't see her often, she always remembered me and welcomed me with a smile. Always very pleasant, and mild-mannered, with a very gentle disposition, she will be greatly missed by her family and all who loved her. Condolences to all.*

*Joan Bradley*

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**Joan Bradley** - November 17, 2020 at 07:55 PM

JZ

“ *Jana, Courtney And Zaya lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Berry*



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**Jana, Courtney and Zaya** - November 17, 2020 at 07:07 PM

SW

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Berry/Grom family. Shirley was our matriarch. She was a much loved Aunt, Daughter, Dear Sister and Loving Wife, Mother and Grandmother and she will be greatly missed. I am glad my mom now has her sister with her. I know they are laughing and dancing in the fields of heaven. Our sadness is their joy. Take comfort knowing that Shirley is now with your father and grandfather, her beloved Basil, and they will always watch over you. We love you!  
Shelley, Brian and Kyle  
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**Shelley Walters** - November 17, 2020 at 06:08 PM

SB

*Thank you all! Love you!*

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**Scott Berry** - November 21, 2020 at 01:49 PM

RJ

“ Sympathies to the family. I would look forward to going in to Shirley's room to clean every day. I would say "is there a young lady in the house" and she would look up and chuckle. We talked about many things, but her love of birds was always a good topic. She was a wonderful friend to me and I will always remember that lovely personality and smile of hers. You will be missed "young lady". RIP

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**Rita Johnson** - November 17, 2020 at 05:58 PM

CM

“ Chris Muhlhauser lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Berry



Chris Muhlhauser - November 17, 2020 at 04:03 PM

CM

Shirley you have brought so much joy into my life, your smile could light up the room. I will miss you so much from our painting projects to our annual craft fair Christmas shopping 💔 you are that beautiful cardinal now that comes to see me. I will always love you so very much. RIP beautiful Shirley

Chris Muhlhauser - November 17, 2020 at 04:06 PM

LM

“ Our deepest condolences and prayers to Steve and Barb, and Scott and Lynn for the loss of Shirley.

She will always be in my heart. She was a wonderful "Grandma" to the girls, and always lending a helping hand whenever it was needed. Always. We have many memories, and will always cherish them.

We are keeping you all lifted up in our prayers. 🙏💔

Lori and Jim

Lori MacDonald - November 17, 2020 at 03:57 PM

VC

Sorry for your loss love to all of you Donald and Vickie

Vickie couture - November 17, 2020 at 06:04 PM

PE

“ Penny lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Berry



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**Penny** - November 17, 2020 at 03:20 PM



“ Helen Daudelin lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Berry



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**Helen Daudelin** - November 17, 2020 at 02:17 PM