



## Kathleen "Shirley" DiMaio

November 26, 1925 - July 9, 2015

Kathleen "Shirley" DiMaio, age 89, of Newark, DE, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, July 9, 2015. Shirley was born in Oswego, New York on November 26, 1925. She graduated from Doylestown High School, Doylestown, PA in 1944. Shirley formerly lived in Trenton and Robbinsville, NJ with her late husband, Leonard. Her religion was a big part of her life. She was a Eucharist Minister, a member of the Bell Chorus and in the Altar Rosary Group at Saint Raphael's Church in Hamilton, New Jersey. In recognition of their family values within the home and community, Shirley and Leonard received the Family of the Year award in 2010 from the Hamilton Council 6213 Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Sorrows in Trenton, New Jersey. She attended Holy Family Church since her move to Newark. She was a member and served as President of the Elderberry Senior Club. She enjoyed taking trips with her husband and their senior club's group. Wildwood, NJ and Naples, FL were among their favorite trips as they both loved the ocean and the beach. She enjoyed spending time with her family (especially her beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren), pets (especially her late Pekingese "Puffy"), music and dancing, painting, photography, watching movies from the 1940s and the Lawrence Welk show, and travelling (most recently RV trips to Assateague Island with Marilyn and "Bo").

She is survived by her daughters: Marilyn (George) and Virginia (Charles); son, Michael (Suzanne); twelve grandchildren: Lorraine (Jim), Juergen

(Celeste), Francis (Kelly), Charlie, Teresa (Brian), Leslie (Trace), and Jennifer; eleven great-grandchildren: Chris, Danny, Billy, Caroline, Emma, Michael, Brittany, Sean, Christiana, Faith, and Harley. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Leroy and Emma Maine; sisters: Virginia Johnson and Barbara Bandelin; brother, Robert Maine; and husbands, Francis Thompson and Leonard DiMaio.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, July 15, 2015 from 10-11 AM at Holy Family Church, 15 Gender Rd., Newark, DE 19713 followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 AM. Interment will be private. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the Seasons Hospice, the Holy Family Church supports, and Kiera Jones of Angel Companions for their support in Shirley's final days. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church in Shirley's memory. For directions or to send an online condolence, visit [www.stranofeeley@aol.com](mailto:www.stranofeeley@aol.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JUL 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Church  
15 Gender Road  
Newark, DE

### Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MP

“ My mother, my brother and sister and I would like to extend our sympathies to Shirley's daughter and her family. We are very sorry for your loss. We really cared a lot about Shirley. When she married our dear Uncle Len in 2001, she became "one of us". We enjoyed her humor and her warmth. We take comfort in knowing that she is in Heaven now with Uncle Len and Jesus. And we are sure that the Lord welcomed Shirley with open arms and said to her, "Welcome Home my good and faithful Servant". God Bless, the Peluso Family: Niece Angela Peluso (Angela is the wife of Uncle Len's late-nephew Joe), Great-Nephew Michael and wife Brenda, Great-Niece Lisa Gyorfi and her husband Jim and Great-Niece Maryanne Peluso.

Maryanne Peluso - July 13, 2015 at 05:08 PM

MH

Thanks so much for the lovely thoughts. She loved being a part of Dad's family. Marilyn and Bo

Marilyn Hughey - July 13, 2015 at 11:03 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen "Shirley" DiMaio.



July 11, 2015 at 06:48 PM



“ *Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen "Shirley" DiMaio.*



July 11, 2015 at 04:21 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. She is at peace and with Heavenly Father. Linda Aubrey*

**Linda Aubrey** - July 10, 2015 at 03:33 PM



*Thanks, Linda*

**Marilyn Hughey** - July 13, 2015 at 01:19 PM



“ *While my daughter and I only had a little less than a year to know Shirley she has made a lasting impression on both of us. Her smile was luminescent; her energy for dancing was boundless and her enthusiasm to enjoy life was inspirational. We are grateful that we had the privilege to meet her and for her to influence us through these three remarkable qualities. We are saddened by her passing and send our sincere condolences to Marilyn, Bo, and to all of Shirley's family and friends. May your tears be cleansing as you mourn her passing.*

*Carol Kuprevich and Tascha Peterman*

**Carol kuprevich** - July 10, 2015 at 02:40 PM



*Thanks Carol and Tascha, she had a marvelous time at your dinner/dancing function. She liked you so much. Marilyn and Bo*

**Marilyn Hughey** - July 11, 2015 at 07:53 PM

KJ

*I always admired your spirit, Aunt Shirl. Always a smile and a "Can Do" attitude. Love You. Your Namesake, Kathleen and Warren Kathleen M. Johnson*

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**Kathleen Johnson** - July 15, 2015 at 12:21 AM

MH

*Thanks Kathleen and Warren, your flowers were so pretty at Mom's Mass today.*

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**Marilyn Hughey** - July 15, 2015 at 10:47 PM