



Shirley Levine

June 3, 1932 - October 11, 2023

Today we mourn the loss of our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend Shirley Levine, 91, also known to many as “Aunt Shirley.” Shirley passed away early Wednesday morning, October 11th, at home in Venice.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Jewish Center of Venice.

Burial will be private.

Shirley Wurtzel was born on June 3, 1932 in Oaklyn, NJ and was raised in Southern New Jersey. She is the daughter of Harry and Fannie, and is one of three children, along with Hank and Dorothy (both predeceased).

She grew up in the countryside where she met the love of her life Herbert “Lank” Levine, with whom she would be married for 58 years until his untimely death in November of 2010. Shirley and Herb had a real life love story and were each other’s best friends, confidants and had many adventures together - including some that would make the Venice Gondolier! To quote “Lank” before they got married, “it will never be boring,” and it wasn’t – their life was their children and running a family laundry business in New Jersey before eventually moving south to the “small town” of Venice after retiring.

Both Shirley and Herb loved Venice, its people and unique charm. Shirley was

part of the “dream team” at D’Angelo’s in Venice and made friends there easily – especially with Pam and the rest of the team.

Shirley sadly lost two of her children Joette and Anne prematurely, both of which she deeply missed.

Shirley is survived by two of her four children, Andrew (67) and Marcy (63), Andrew’s spouse Valerie, Joette’s spouse Pat and her four beloved grandchildren, Jeffery (47), Robert (43), Jessica (35), and Alissa (28). She is the great-grandmother to Deanna, Elise, Jordan, Carly and Ezra.

“Aunt Shirley” had too many friends to list and her house had an open door policy where just about everyone and anyone could be found talking about life, love, today’s events, family and more. Some of her last adventures were in Connecticut where she would enjoy New England with her dear friends Sue and Mike.

Previous Events

Service

OCT 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Jewish Congregation of Venice Memorial Park
600 N. Auburn Road
Venice, FL 34293