



## Shirley J. Bruffett

February 7, 1939 - June 18, 2019

Shirley J. Bruffett, 80, passed away Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at Carthage Health & Rehabilitation. Shirley was born February 7, 1939 in Carthage to Melvin and Geneva “Flesher” Porter. Shirley was a homemaker, a loving wife of a dairy farmer and also worked as a bookkeeper. She was a longtime member of Center Point Christian Church. Prior to that, she attended the Grand Avenue Church of God, where she was a youth leader and a member of their Women’s Missionary Society. Her great loves, besides her church and her family, were quilting with the ladies at Jasper Methodist Church, cooking and reading. Shirley was an enthusiastic do-it-yourself carpenter and a people-person, who loved everyone she met.

Shirley was united in marriage to Paul A. Bruffett on August 31, 1957 in Jasper; he survives.

Shirley is also survived by one son, Jeff Bruffett (Mary) of Stockton, MO; one daughter, Jana Lown (Wayne) of Jasper, MO; one brother, Vic Porter of Hollister, MO; one sister, Clara Harper of Jasper, MO; two grandchildren, Kristin Fritchman (Nick) of Olatha, KS and Dustin Bruffett (Dana) of Spokane, WA; two great grandchildren, Emily and Sarah Fritchman.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Lonnie Porter.

Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 22, 2019 at

Ulmer Funeral Home. Funeral services will immediately follow at 2:00 p.m.  
Burial will be at Paradise Cemetery near Jasper.

Online condolences may be made at [www.ulmerfh.com](http://www.ulmerfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Paradise Cemetery

Jasper, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 22. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home  
1208 S. Garrison  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



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**Ulmer Funeral Home** - June 21, 2019 at 02:13 PM

MB

“ *Such a lady of fun. Family get together, women's missionary, VBS, Halloween trick or treat, stopping by for a cup of coffee, conversations on the phone (long distance at the time, no cell phones), life on a dairy farm, and living with dairy farmers, WOW! Shirley and I enjoyed all of that with each other. On Halloween she and Paul always gave our kids the BIG candy bars for their trick or treat. Boy, did they feel special, then they would head to Ruth and Jim's and get the big one's there too. How sweet to think back on that.*

*Paul, your wife was one great lady. Jeff and Jana, she loved you two so much and worried about you and wanted happiness for you. Dustin and Kristin, your grandma thought you two were the best thing going. She was so proud of you guys and enjoyed having you around so much. Dustin, she would tell me that you were able to get her out of more messes on her computer. She knew that you would grow up and head into a line of work that would have something to do with them.*

*Paul, kids, grandkids, and greats, she loved you all and felt God blessed her by putting you all in her life.*

*Love and prayers to all of you,  
Ron, Melanie and family*

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**Melanie Bruffett** - June 21, 2019 at 11:04 AM

RP

“ *What an awesome lady! Loved her laugh most of all. When we visited she always made sure we weren't hungry. Love the whole family! I married into the family 30 years ago and have loved them ever since. So happy you have completed your journey home And you will never suffer what this world has to offer. I look forward to our reunion!*

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**Robin Porter** - June 21, 2019 at 06:32 AM

JS

“ Shirley And i attended Jasper High together and I remember how sweet and nice she was to us underclassmates

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**Jean Steinkamp Starkey** - June 20, 2019 at 02:15 PM

BE

“ Shirley was the planner of our family reunions and brought the best food. I still use some of her recipes. Shirley always had a smile on her face and was married to a loving and caring man who took such good care of her. Shirley is finally smiling again. Love and prayers for God's peace and comfort with the loss of this wonderful woman. She was loved.

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**bonnie Earl** - June 19, 2019 at 10:28 PM

SB

“ I taught Shirley to swim in Avilla. She was afraid of the water at first and by the time our 8 lessons were over, she was swimming across the length of the pool! She brought her husband on the. ast day of er lessons to show him what she learned. He was so proud of her! The joy on her face from being able to swim was priceless! I'll never forget her.

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**Susan Baldrige-Kozak** - June 19, 2019 at 08:01 PM

MJ

“ Having the pleasure to work with this lovely lady and her devoted husband inspired so many of us to be the best spouse, friend and person in general we could be. May God be with and bless you Paul In your time of loss.

*Prayers & love; Melissa James*

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**Melissa James** - June 19, 2019 at 05:52 PM

LG

“ I loved Shirley so much. Great memories of her at Grand Ave Church. Praying for comfort during this time. Well done Shirley. God has welcomed you home.

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**LISA GRIFFITH** - June 19, 2019 at 03:43 PM

LG

“ LISA GRIFFITH lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Bruffett



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**LISA GRIFFITH** - June 19, 2019 at 03:42 PM