



## Shirley D Stokes

June 4, 1936 - February 23, 2024

Shirley Dolores Stokes (nee Almony), 87, most recently of Maple Shade, New Jersey, passed away in her sleep on her terms on February 23, 2024. Shirley was born on June 4, 1936, in Oaklyn, New Jersey. Previously resided in Moorestown NJ and later in life she enjoyed living in North Carolina and considered herself a southerner due to her love of the southern climate and hospitality.

Shirley was a determined and powerful woman who dedicated her life to helping others. She was a loving mother, grandmother, devoted wife, and a lifelong caregiver as a nurse and educator. Shirley's career in nursing spanned over twenty-five years, where she eventually became a nursing educator at Duke University for ten years. In her final years, she worked for the state of North Carolina as a quality assurance inspector for care facilities. Her passion for education and nursing led her to pursue various degrees and certification. Survived by her daughter Juliana Bender, son in law Peter, her son, Robert B. Stokes III and daughter in law Devon, and her grandchildren, Peter and Tori Bender. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert B. Stokes Jr.

Shirley was a dedicated member of Saint Matthew Lutheran Church, where she found solace and community. She enjoyed cooking for others, quilting, and volunteering for various organizations such as hospice, Habitat for Humanity, and local animal shelters. According to her wishes, no memorial services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Saint Matthew Lutheran Church Ministries for the Hungry at <https://stmatthew-lutheran.org/donate/>

# Cemetery Details

**SERVICES & INTERMENT PRIVATE**

# Tribute Wall

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“ Shirley was an amazing woman and I’m grateful you allowed me to help with her care! I will miss her dearly all her stories but especially how she just enjoyed seeing her friend of over 60 years Leah! They would hold hands like best friends in the back seat of my car! This is a picture of the day we planted a veggie/flower garden in her back yard! I’m so sorry for your loss and again thank you for allowing me to be her caregiver



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**laura cooper** - February 25, 2024 at 10:57 AM

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“ I enjoyed sitting with Shirley, talking about all sorts of things n laughing..She was intelligent strong willed, honest & to the point. We developed a bond. I will miss & remember her fondly. My sincere condolences. Lisa

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**Lisa Martinez** - February 24, 2024 at 11:45 PM

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“ Shirley was my next door neighbor for over the last three years. She put up with my yelling at the TV during football season and singing loud all the time. She loved her visits with my grandson as he lived visiting her and getting cookies from her cookie jar. She will be remembered dearly by myself as well as everyone whose life she touched. I was lucky to have her as my neighbor and she will be missed.

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**Rita** - February 24, 2024 at 08:46 PM