



Shirley J. Sherman

May 15, 1926 - October 28, 2021

Shirley R. Sherman, 95, passed away on Thursday, October 28, 2021 in Cary, IL. She was born May 15, 1926 in St. Louis, MO where she was raised until moving to Chicago in 1954 and was formerly of Wilmette, Glenview & Lincolnshire, IL. She attended Washington University in St. Louis for fashion design, was a former employee for a private fashion design company in Chicago, a former associate professor at the Art Institute of Chicago and was also a former real estate agent at Koenig & Strey on the North Shore. Figure skating was close to Shirley's heart throughout her long life. As a youth, Shirley performed in a variety of ice shows across the Midwest including the "International Skating Carnival" with three-time Olympic Champion and film star Sonja Henie. As a teenager, Shirley was invited to skate professionally in the Ice Capades. She chose a different path, however, and pursued a career in fashion design and became an associate professor at the Art Institute of Chicago where she taught, and hosted fashion shows. Throughout the years, Shirley remained actively involved in figure skating. She was a figure skating judge over four decades, and a member of the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA) and the Skokie Valley Figure Skating Club. Among her most cherished accomplishments was being part of the contingent, along with her husband Lou Sherman, that supported the United States Figure Skating Team at the 1980 Olympic Games in Lake Placid, NY.

Surviving are her 2 children, Robert "Bob" (Kay) Sherman and Patricia "Patti"

(Larry) White and her 5 grandchildren, Ryan, Kelsey & Kortney Sherman, and Patrick (Sydney) & Jeff (Alison) White.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard "Lou" Sherman in 2019 and by her sister, Elizabeth Binder.

A visitation will begin at 2:30 p.m. followed by a service at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, November 6, 2021 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave.

Libertyville, IL. Memorials can be made to the USFSA Memorial Fund, www.usfigureskating.org For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Memorial Service

NOV 6. 4:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Tribute Wall

SS

“ I have known Shirley since the early 60's and she was one of my most favorite judges. She always had a warm smile for every skater she encountered whether it be at a test session or a competition. She was always very dear to my heart and even after her retirement a few years we kept in touch. My sincerest condolences to her family. Sue Schmitt

Sue Schmitt - November 05, 2021 at 06:07 PM

LP

Shirley judged my 7th test in 1975 in St. Louis and got me into judging after I passed my 8th test. She always had a warm smile, a very kind lady with a compassion for figure skating!

Laura Primm - November 17, 2021 at 02:59 PM

CS

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Shirley. Many years ago I taught the line dancing class at Sedgebrook. Shirley was a lovely, graceful dancer. She really enjoyed the class and she performed in our shows. The ladies danced together for many years. Shirley smiled all while she danced. She was a natural.

Cathy Swan, Resident Life Director

Cathy Swan - November 01, 2021 at 07:01 PM