



## Shirley L. Rupert

November 4, 1930 - December 3, 2025

Shirley L. Rupert, 95, of Washington, formerly of East Peoria, peacefully passed away with her family by her side on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. She was born in Farmington on November 4, 1930, to Guido and Daisy (Eichmann) Bertolero, then married Jack Rupert on May 30, 1953. They enjoyed 35 years of marriage until Jack passed away on July 30, 1988.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Michael; her daughter, Kim; and her brother, William.

She is survived by her children, William Rupert of Morton and Melissa (Arthur) Svymbersky of Champaign; 9 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Shirley began her career at Caterpillar, then later dedicated over twenty years working as a secretary at St. Monica Catholic Church in East Peoria before retiring.

Family was always Shirley's first priority. She found great joy in preparing meals for her loved ones, cherishing the moments when she could bring everyone together around the table. Nothing made her happier than seeing the big smiles on their faces as they shared these special times together.

Shirley had the opportunity to travel extensively and explore many parts of the world. Of all the destinations she visited, Greece was her favorite. She especially enjoyed the pizza.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 12, 2025, at St. Monica Catholic Church in East Peoria, with visitation from 10:00 a.m. until

the time of service. Father John Steffen will officiate. Private burial will be at Fondulac Cemetery in East Peoria.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or South Side Mission. Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fondulac Cemetery

1985 E. Washington Street  
East Peoria, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Monica's Catholic Church  
303 Campanile  
East Peoria, IL

## Funeral Mass

DEC 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley L. Rupert.



December 08, 2025 at 05:41 PM



“ I was a 3rd shift CNA at Saxony Court and assisted Shirley early in the morning with showers and getting dressed. I knew her routine and she was so happy when I came in. One of my sweetest memory was coming in on my night off to make sure she was getting her shower because she had an early morning app. Her face just lit up for joy.

Also, she was holding my hand with so much love when tears rolled down my face and didn't knew why. She said Renee, you worked 19 nights in a row now, you need to rest.

We had so many talks about God , Family and oh so many things, Renee

**Renate Newton** - December 05, 2025 at 01:42 PM



Shirley was one of the first persons we met when we join St Monica in the late 60. She was everything you'd want in a secretary. Always a smile on her face as she helped you. Rest in peace with Jack, a long time since you seen her. God blesss.

**joan Cheatham** - December 18, 2025 at 09:16 PM

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“ Shirley was a nice lady, I got to visit her in the last few months she will be missed. So sorry for your loss Prayers & Sympathy to her family Teryl Volant-Destri

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**Teryl Volant-Destri** - December 05, 2025 at 10:51 AM

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“ I will always be grateful to have had such an awesome Aunt. She was super funny and frank. Whenever I had questions, she gave the answers. Sometimes the answers weren't what I expected but they were the truth and I loved and appreciated her for her candor. Family holidays were always fun and so much of that was due to Aunt Shirley and her love of family.

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**Cyndi Bertolero** - December 05, 2025 at 09:03 AM