



## Shirley M. Willis

September 26, 1935 - October 22, 2017

Shirley M. Willis, age 82, died Sunday, October 22, 2017 at Independence Village of White Lake, MI. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 PM, Sunday, October 29, 2017. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM, Monday, October, 30, 2017 at Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, MI, with Pastor Eric Miller officiating. Burial will be in Davisburg Cemetery. Shirley was born on September 26, 1935, the daughter of Ivan and Edith (Atwell) McKee. She was a wife, mother and homemaker. She loved to travel and enjoyed many crafts, especially making greeting cards. She was also a very active member of The Order of the Eastern Star for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, Benjamin Willis of Holly and by her sisters Beverly Earle and Charlene Swartout.

Surviving are her daughter Helen (Willis) Smith and son-in-law Thomas Smith of Holly, 3 sisters: Ruth Lang of Warren, Donna Merzi of Oregon, and Carol McClelland of California; 2 brothers, Robert Willis of Nevada and Thomas Willis of Warren, and many nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to Disabled American Veterans or the Michigan Humane Society. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Davisburg Cemetery

Davisburg, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8291

## Service

OCT **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley M. Willis*



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**Dryer Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 30, 2017 at 09:47 AM



“ *Thank you to all who attended my Mom's funeral today. I will always remember your love and support. I think the service went exactly like my Mom would have wanted. Some religion, but nothing over the top. Lots of great memories and humor. It was a celebration of life, not super sad or sappy.*

*Again, thanks to those who sent flowers, plants and/or cards. Thanks for the donations to DAV or MHS. Thanks for being there over the phone, text or via prayers and thoughts. Thanks to all of you from the bottom of my heart. ❤️🙏*

*My Mom is looking upon all of us from Heaven and I know she couldn't be happier. That fact alone really makes me feel so good. My Mom and I both say, "Love you much." ❤️🙏*

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**Helen Willis Smith** - October 31, 2017 at 03:37 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley M. Willis.*



October 29, 2017 at 02:20 AM



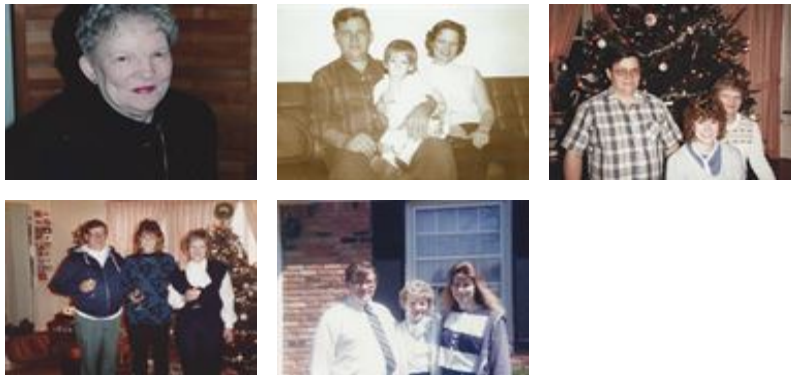
“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley M. Willis.*



October 28, 2017 at 10:04 AM



“ *25 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - October 27, 2017 at 04:15 PM

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“ *Linwood Fine purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Shirley M. Willis.*



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**Linwood Fine** - October 27, 2017 at 02:09 PM

JL

“ *Helen Ann,*

*Words cannot replace the spot in my heart that Aunt Shirley filled all the years that I knew her. I can remember many years back when Uncle Ben and Aunt Shirley would come over to our house for Holidays and many times to hang out with my Mom and Dad and played cards or went out. Things have changed a lot since then, I miss those times, things were easy, life was easy. After my dad passed, I remember Uncle Ben and Aunt Shirley being there anytime for my Mom and as sick as Uncle Ben was, he always tried to help out his family and his extended family until the day he passed, Aunt Shirley was made out of the same great stuff that Uncle Ben was made of and to both of them, family is more important than anything else in this world and they showed it. Aunt Shirley was a very generous person and I will miss getting her special greeting cards and hearing her laugh. I could always count on making her laugh about something, she had a good sense of humor, always did. We all are blessed to have known such a wonderful, Aunt, Mom and the real definition of a Lady.*

*Love,*

*John*

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**John Lang** - October 24, 2017 at 11:06 AM

HS

*Thanks so much John. I know your Aunt Shirley always felt the love from my Dad's side of the family. She always appreciated it and told me so several times. I love the words you wrote up above because you poured your heart out. We all know every word you said is true. I love you cuz and understand you are grieving, just like me. Thank you for your kind words and love. ❤️😌😌😌*

Helen Smith - October 24, 2017 at 07:36 PM

HS

*Aunt Shirley and I "love you much" cuz. 😌❤️😌*

Helen Smith - October 24, 2017 at 07:38 PM

ML

*“ I ENJOYED PLAYING EUCHRE WITH SHIRLEY. MAUREEN LOSH*

MAUREEN LOSH - October 24, 2017 at 10:42 AM

HS

*I know she loved playing cards with her friends and family. She always played euchre. ❤️😌 Thanks for the memory Maureen.*

Helen Smith - October 24, 2017 at 11:36 PM