



Verene Lucretia Shirah

October 17, 1942 - December 22, 2021

Verene Decuers Shirah, age 79, of Lakeland, FL passed away on December 22, 2021 at Carpenter's Estates in Lakeland. Her home is in heaven, since she received Christ as her Savior as a young girl.

Born Verene Lucretia Decuers on October 17, 1942, in Jacksonville, FL, she is known to all who love her as Lucy. She graduated from Florida Southern College in 1964 where she met her husband John W. Shirah and they married in January 1964. They had been married 51 years at the time of his passing. Lucy and John owned a florist shop in Ft. Lauderdale before moving to Lakeland in 1978. A dedicated school teacher since 1976, she has touched the lives of hundreds of children. Lucy taught Kindergarten and Second Grade for 30 years at Padgett Elementary. She was a gifted flower arranger and made many weddings and receptions beautiful along the way.

Lucy spent many years actively devoted to her church, North Lakeland Presbyterian, where she was a charter member.

Lucy is preceded in death by her husband, John W. Shirah, Jr. She is survived by her brother, Herbert Decuers (Liz), 2 children: Cherie S. Jones (Jeff) and John L. Shirah (Tami Ham), 4 grandchildren: Scott Jones (Ashley), Shane Jones, Madalynn Shirah, Grace Shirah, and one great grandson, Judah Jones.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 29th at 10:00am followed by a celebration of life service at 11:00am at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home at

Serenity Gardens, 3350 Mall Hill Dr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in her honor to Hillsborough County Fire Rescue Women & Children's Fund. See link below.

Cemetery Details

Lakeland Memorial Gardens

2125 Bartow Road
Lakeland, FL 33801

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 858-4474
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Verene Lucretia Shirah

November 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ I feel very blessed to have met Lucy, although very late in her life. I was her chaplain (Cornerstone Hospice) and had the joy of sharing space and time with her. In my twenty-plus years of ministry, I have never met a more patient and gracious soul. In her final years, Lucy met with the utmost grace and strength what I believe was one of the most testing of experiences a human could endure. She left with strength to spare and to inspire. David Ross

David Ross - August 23, 2022 at 01:21 PM



“ Lucy came to Chapel in the Grove for several years also. She was full of life and liked to dress in co-ordinating colors which always gave a happy feeling. She was a good friend to us there. Rhonda Nessler

Rhonda Nessler - December 27, 2021 at 03:00 PM



So sorry for your family's loss. Lucey was always willing to help. A very friendly loving lady. John Edwards

John Edwards - December 30, 2021 at 09:08 PM