



## Shirley Jo (Caligiore) Provance

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Shirley passed away on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at her home in Seal Rock, OR with her family by her side. She received her final Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick as one of her last wishes as she was a deeply devoted Catholic.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents Mike and Ida (Francescato) Caligiore, infant brother Richard Caligiore, and grandson Austyn Lee McFadden. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Jim Provance, daughter Andrea Marie McFadden (Doug), sons James Timothy Provance (Alecia) and Christopher Michael Provance. Grandchildren Kailee Paige, Jaycee Marie and Kynzee JoLynn McFadden, Kelsey May, James Brennan, and Madison Raelyn Provance, and Shaelynn Autumn Provance, and Cathryne. Sister Toni Marie (Bill) Van Alstine, nieces Clare (Larry) Sullivan, Yvonne (David) Kling, nephews Dr. Andrew (Lyn) Van Alstine, Joe (Cindi) Van Alstine and Father Mark Van Alstine.

Shirley was raised in Hartville, WY with her immediate family from Italy. She attended school in the now historical and Iron Ore mining town known as Sunrise, WY. When the school closed after 8th grade, she attended Guernsey

High School and graduated in 1966. During her younger years, she loved to climb the hills of Hartville, sew and cook for her family gatherings, sing and played the piano. She attended Saint Anthony's Catholic Church where she devoted her time to mass singing and play the piano and organ.

After high school, she wanted to spread her wings and attended the University of St. Mary in Leavenworth, KS studying Elementary Education. At that time, the University of St. Mary was an all-girls Catholic College that mostly consisted of nuns. Her voice led her to the All-State choir where she was awarded many medals during her college tenure. During her last year of college on her 21st birthday she went on a blind date at the local A&W drive thru set up by her friend where she would meet the love of her life, James (Jim) Stephen Provance. After six months of dating, he proposed on Friday, February 13th, 1970. She liked to round it to Valentine's Day. They married August 8, 1970, in Guernsey, WY at St. Anthony's Catholic Church and honeymooned in the Black Hills of SD.

Shirley graduated from the University of Saint Mary's in May of 1970 with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She was gifted in education and excelled in academics. After their wedding, they moved to Hammond, IN where Jim was attending Purdue University and she started her teaching career at Black Oak Elementary School in Gary, IN while studying and graduating with her two Master's degrees in Elementary Education and Gifted Education at Purdue University. In 1974, Jim and Shirley bought their first house in Schereville, IN where she continued to teach and was an active member of St. Michaels Catholic Church. Being a mother was important to her. she had her first child, Andrea Marie in 1976, her son James Timothy in 1977 and Christopher Michael in 1983. In the summer of 1983, they moved their family across the country to Kemmerer, WY where Jim started his career as an Elementary Administrator and Shirley continued to expand her knowledge of education to gifted students. She knew her students' potential

and would work one on one with those that were bored in school and provided more educational opportunities for them to excel in academics and believe in themselves. In 1996, they moved to Columbus, NE where she taught for several more years and worked with special education students. At the age of 55, she went back to school to get her LPN license so that she could provide patient care. She continued as an LPN until she retired.

In 2009, Jim and Shirley retired and moved to Seal Rock, OR on the Oregon Coast. She continued to be an active member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church where she played the organ. She enjoyed being a member of the Red Hats where she made many friends. She enjoyed attending every single activity of her children or grandchildren no matter how near and far away. She was the loudest and proudest cheerleader in the stands and did not care if anyone heard her. She shared her love of the kitchen with Italian cooking and baking, with those family members becoming her "favorite" (son in law Doug and daughter in law Alecia), she wrote handwritten perfect, neat cursive individual handwritten letters and made sure you did too and devoted an hour of adoration every day to prayer. Having her Catholic faith, being attentive and respectful to others, family spending time with her, and celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary with Jim and family and friends were most important to her and she said she would always cherish.

Our family would like to thank the Hospice Care centers in Newport and Albany, OR for providing excellent, professional, and comforting care for Shirley and her family.

A memorial service will be determined at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the Hospice Care Centers:  
Samaritan Evergreen Hospice  
749 SW 11th Street

Newport, OR 97365

Hospice House

4600 Evergreen Place SE

Albany, OR 97322

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothea Delgado lit a candle in memory of Shirley (Caligiore) Provance*



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**Dorothea Delgado** - October 23, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ *Enthusiastic and caring are the adjectives I would use to describe Shirley. I went to Guernsey-Sunrise High School with her for two years and my deceased husband, Joe Delgado, knew her his whole life. I picture them in heaven right now talking about the great times they had together in Sunrise and in Hartville.*

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**Dorothea Delgado** - October 23, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Jo (Caligiore) Provance.*



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October 20, 2023 at 05:20 PM



“ *Many fond memories of a very wonderful lady! This is not good bye but until next time! Godspeed lady! Thanks for the memories in Kemmerer and especially during my senior year of high school. Travis Rice.*

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**Travis Rice** - October 20, 2023 at 08:37 AM