



## Shirley Ann Drendel

December 3, 1935 - October 2, 2022

Shirley Ann Drendel, 86, of Genoa, formerly of Huntley, passed away Sunday evening, October 2, 2022, at home surrounded by family.

She was born December 3, 1935, in Hampshire the daughter of Frank and Anna (Herrmann) Engel. Shirley graduated from Hampshire High School and then attended Business College. She worked at Joseph Spiess Department Store in Elgin for years. She met the love of her life, Vernon Drendel and they were married October 5, 1955. Shirley became a very active housewife, raising their children, busy with their activities, and supporting Vernon with their farming operation in Huntley for over 40 years. Shirley and Vernon moved later to their farm in Genoa, where they still reside. Shirley and her daughter owned several Merle Norman Cosmetic Studios over 26 years. Shirley's favorite way to express her love was to share her baking, crafts, and love of flowers with family and friends. She attended St. Mary's Catholic Church in Huntley and St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Genoa during her lifetime.

She is survived by her husband of almost 67 years, Vernon; her children, Richard (Elke), James (Vickie), Karen, Steven (Vickie), and Dennis (Tina); 15 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and brother, Frank Engel; and a sister-in-law, Carol.

She is preceded in death by her infant daughter, Mary; her parents, Frank and Anna Engel; brothers and sisters in laws, Donald (Lucille), Harold (Arlene), Ronald, Robert (Mary), son-in-law, Paul Koeppen Sr.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, October 14 at 1:30 PM at St. Mary Catholic Church, 10307 Dundee Rd. in Huntley. Burial will follow in the St. Mary Cemetery.

Visitation will be prior to mass at James A. O'Connor Funeral Home, 11603 E. Main St. in Huntley from 11 to 1 PM.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

Dean Street  
Huntley, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

James A. O'Connor Funeral Home  
11603 E. Main PO Box 74  
Huntley, IL 60142  
(847) 669-5111  
jaoconnorfh@att.net

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **14**. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
10307 Dundee Road  
Huntley, IL 60142

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Ann Drendel*

January 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Thinking of you all, Drendel Family. I will miss Aunt Shirley.*

**Amanda Seats** - October 16, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy our thoughts and prayers for the family*

*Craig & Bev Miller*

**Craig & Bev miller** - October 13, 2022 at 08:30 PM



*My sympathy and prayers to you Vernon and your family in the loss of Shirley.*

**Mary Lou Miller, Genoa IL** - October 13, 2022 at 09:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Drendel.*



October 13, 2022 at 12:31 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Drendel.*



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October 12, 2022 at 02:00 PM



“ *Linda nd I are Keeping Miss Shirley and her family in our prayers. My Mom and Dad passed away a long time ago. I sort of adopted Vernon and Shirley as my "other" Mom and Dad. I lived on their Farm for quite a few years and got to know Miss Shirley well. I so enjoyed sitting at her kitchen table trading recipes and sampling her incredible deserts! Shirley was an exceptional "chef"! We also traded secrets about gardening. She was quite impressed with my "gardening" abilities and always had good advice on how to make it better. She was so proud of Vernon, her Kids, her Grandkids and her Great Grandkids. Her eyes would literally sparkle when she told me stories about her family. I will miss her dearly.*

*Guy and Linda Somerville*

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**guy s Somerville** - October 11, 2022 at 04:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Drendel.*



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October 11, 2022 at 10:19 AM

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“ Vern and family, please accept my deepest sympathies. May God comfort you during this time with warm memories and His abounding love.

Mike Goelitz - October 10, 2022 at 04:51 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Drendel.



October 09, 2022 at 02:56 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Drendel.



October 07, 2022 at 07:41 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Drendel.



October 07, 2022 at 05:59 PM