



Shirley Bernice McCarty

April 1, 1952 - August 29, 2021

Shirley Bernice McCarty, 69, of Bartlesville, died Sunday in Dewey. She was a lifelong resident of the area whose roots ran deep and wide, and she was dearly loved. She is no longer in pain and reunited with her precious son.

Shirley was born the daughter of Lester Willis and Betty Jo (Griggs) McCarty on April 1, 1952, in Bartlesville. From a young age Shirley was passionate about racing - her race car was #38 and she raced all over but mostly at the Dewey Racetrack and Caney Valley Speedway. She enjoyed the outdoors and camping trips to Copan Lake where many memories were made.

For the past 20 years she enjoyed her relationship with life partner Denise Benton. Together with friend Gary Gage, Shirley worked in metal recycling and was known as a scrapper. She was proud of her involvement in the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Auxiliary and served as president.

Her grandkids were her everything - she was always on the go and doing for them, and Grandma could always be found with at least one in tow. As many people knew, Shirley lived a long life filled with a lot of happiness. She was one of the most caring and giving people you would have ever met. She loved everybody as her own, even if they weren't family. If she knew you, she loved you.

No matter what happened, Shirley was always the one person anybody could count on. She had a purpose in life and that purpose was to help people out and make sure others were always okay. She did just that every day up until her last day.

Shirley is survived by her children, Jana Cotner and husband Bert, Lawrence Leroy Wickham Jr. and wife Amanda, Holly Ward and Pete Benton; sister Vickie Inda; 15 grandchildren, Blayz Rippy, Bryan Rippy, Kaeden Rippy, Steven Joe Rippy, Amanda Smith, Wesley Steven Wickham and wife Stevi, Natalie Adams, Taylor Cotner, Brooklin Wickham, Lauren Wickham, Shirley Wickham, Lawrence Wickham III, Wyatt Hopkins, Phoebe Hopkins and Josiah Ausbrooks Rippy; and 4 great-grandchildren, Janalinn, Serenity, Kinley and Kambree.

She is preceded in death by her parents, son Steven Ray Rippy Jr., brother Lester Eugene McCarty, and sisters Edith Moles, Kay Serl and Darlene Baldwin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel.

Shirley's family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel, 918-534-3030, 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey, on Thursday, from 6-8 p.m. Visitation will also be held on Thursday from 10-8 and Friday 9-11.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. on Friday, at the Virginia Avenue Baptist Church in Bartlesville. Interment will follow in the Dewey Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Dewey Cemetery

HWY 75 North
Dewey, OK 74029

Previous Events

ALL DAY VISITATION

SEP 2. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Family and Friends Gathering

SEP 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Visitation

SEP 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Funeral Service

SEP 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

Virginia Avenue Baptist Church
Bartlesville, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Bernice McCarty*



Davis Family Funeral Home - September 01, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ *Shirley lived across the street from my momma's house for as long as I could remember. She was always smiling and coming to say hi to me and my parents when I was little. She was always so kind and she was definitely the BOSS of the family! keeping everyone in check :) She was one of the coolest people I ever met and she is very very missed every day. ☐☐ Rest in Paradise, Shirley! it's not goodbye, it's see ya later! ❤️ I still visit your scrap yard! And I always think of you!! ❤️*

Devin Hapner - June 01, 2025 at 10:13 PM

KR

“ *Rest in peace my friend.*

Kathy Roe- Reed - October 27, 2021 at 08:38 PM

EL

“ Elizabeth lit a candle in memory of Shirley Bernice McCarty



Elizabeth - September 11, 2021 at 11:17 AM

PG

“ Patricia & Christial Graves lit a candle in memory of Shirley Bernice McCarty



Patricia & Christial Graves - September 08, 2021 at 09:25 PM

PG

We will miss you. Patricia and Christial

Patricia & Christial Graves - September 08, 2021 at 09:27 PM

CE

Shirley you will be missed by all of us who knew you. Our thoughts are with your family during this time. Charlie and Billie Egan

Charlie & Billie Egan - September 08, 2021 at 09:28 PM

KF

“ you will truley be missed by many, Thank you for all the fun times we shared at the VFW post 989. you was defintly the best ladies aux president we had ever had. I remember the first meeting you wore a blue suit dress and you was so nervous, but you proved everyone wrong that day you did awesome and you showed them you could do your job well and that you did, love you shirley to infinity and beyond.

katt ferry - September 06, 2021 at 11:35 AM

JS

“ *Jeanne Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Shirley Bernice McCarty*



Jeanne Shepherd - September 05, 2021 at 10:48 AM

SU

“ *I will miss you my life long friend as I'm sure many will! My sincerest condolences go out to Denise & family!
R I P my friend
Sue Blue*

Sue - September 03, 2021 at 05:22 PM

FH

“ *Frances Harrington lit a candle in memory of Shirley Bernice McCarty*



Frances harrington - September 03, 2021 at 02:29 PM

LY

“ *I enjoyed seeing Shirley when she would come into the Cardiology office. She always was in rare form. She will be missed. Prayers for the family.*

Lynne - September 03, 2021 at 10:47 AM

KW

“ I will miss you Shirley macarty you were more than a friend you were family to me say hello to everyone when you get to heaven
Kelly Williams

Kelly Williams - September 02, 2021 at 09:14 PM

RK

“ Renee Kelly lit a candle in memory of Shirley Bernice McCarty



Renee Kelly - September 01, 2021 at 11:58 PM

EB

“ Aunt Shirley had a big heart we will miss you forever in our heart love you Curtis & Elizabeth, Matt, Misty ,Melissa.



Elizabeth & Curtis Booth - September 01, 2021 at 05:57 PM

EB

meant pink candle

Elizabeth & Curtis Booth - September 11, 2021 at 11:15 AM

CG

“ RIP Shirley!! I've known her from a young kid. I raced against Shirley and she was a good driver. Sorry for the family's loss.

Clyde Gage - September 01, 2021 at 01:14 PM

AC

“ Hey, Tuffy! Remember all the fun we had playing softball? We were sure young! I'm going to miss your drawl, “hey Beck!” RIP Tuff. Peace for your family!

annie collins - August 31, 2021 at 11:00 PM

AL

“ Prayers to you Denise, Jana , Bert, all the grandkids/great grandkids, Anthony, and her scrapping family. I've only known Shirley for the past 12 years and she was always helping someone. The first time I did meet her she made it very clear she was AUNT SHIRLEY!!💕💕💕💕 RIP sweetheart . You, Stevie, & Kissy keep watching over us all!!💕💕💕

Angie Latham - August 31, 2021 at 08:42 PM

VM

“ She was the best damn driver I ever know I always loved to watch her race she inspired me to love racing and especially on a dirt track love u aunt shirley

Veronica moles - August 31, 2021 at 05:39 PM

TL

“ Love and prayers.



Tracie Leonard - August 31, 2021 at 04:07 PM

RH

“ Rose Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Shirley Bernice McCarty



Rose Hewitt - August 31, 2021 at 03:47 PM

ME

“ Melissa Earnest lit a candle in memory of Shirley Bernice McCarty



melissa Earnest - August 31, 2021 at 02:12 PM

ES

“ Ernie & Tami Snodgrass lit a candle in memory of Shirley Bernice McCarty



Ernie & Tami Snodgrass - August 31, 2021 at 01:24 PM

EB

“ I always love to see Aunt Shirley working on her race car and playing softball, never afraid of a fight however she was a peace maker. Always love you thank you for accepting as your niece. you will always live in my heart.



Elizabeth & Curtis Booth - August 31, 2021 at 12:35 PM

CH

“ *Chenya Henry lit a candle in memory of Shirley Bernice McCarty*



Chenya Henry - August 31, 2021 at 12:24 PM