

OBITUARY

Shirley Ann Johnson Lewandowski

Shirley "Ann" resided most of her life in Clinton, Mississippi. She lost her battle with cancer on Friday, September 7, 2018. She was the beloved wife of Alan Lewandowski, and they shared thirty-one years of marriage. She is preceded in death by her mother, Barbara Johnson. She is survived by her "daddy," Elmer Johnson; brother, Mark; and sisters, Lynn and Kristi; also a number of nieces and nephews. Shirley enjoyed nature, studying conservation and organic gardening with her husband, Alan. She cherished her weekend trips to Natchez and Bellingrath Gardens. She and Alan especially enjoyed gathering fruits and vegetables from farms in the area and sharing the "fruits of their labor" with friends and family.

Many knew Shirley "Ann" as the owner of Veils by Ann Bridal Shop in Clinton. She put her seamstress ability, eye for detail, and mind for business to work endeavoring to please brides as they searched

for the perfect dress and veil for their special day. She was scrupulous in business ethics. She and her mother, Barbara, also belonged to the Quilters Guild of Mississippi and enjoyed making works of art in the way of quilts to be enjoyed by others.

Shirley was selfless. She was always concerned for others, family, friends and neighbors alike. She was a champion for the voiceless infants and children who were abused and unable to speak for themselves, advocating for their rights. She was exceedingly generous and did so without fanfare or the need of acknowledgement.

Shirley was one of Jehovah's Witnesses. She was a diligent student of the scriptures and Bible prophecies. She was convinced of God's promises, one of which is that there will be a resurrection for those that fall asleep in death. Scriptures such as John 5: 28, 29 and Psalms 37:9, 10



and 11 were very special to her, as it was her hope to live when "the meek will possess the earth, and they will find exquisite delight in the abundance of peace." We can

just picture her being reunited with her mother and riding an Appaloosa horse in a beautiful meadow. Also close to Shirley's heart were her nieces and nephews. Although Shirley never had children of her own, she dearly loved each and every one of them. She was particularly proud of the persons they were becoming and all of their accomplishments.

In lieu of flowers, Shirley wanted those of the living to concentrate on their lives and making each day count. She often directed individual's attention to the website www.JW.org, as it has a wealth of information for adults, families, and children. Shirley wanted us to spend time with our parents and children. She learned first-hand how our life can change within a matter of minutes. Life is like a mist and can quickly fade away. One person's legacy can be another's moment of clarity.

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