

Shirley Jane Sellars

November 14, 1936 - February 4, 2023



Shirley Jane (Morris) Sellars, 86, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2023 at Halifax Health Hospice in Ormond Beach, FL. of congestive heart failure. A beloved wife, mother, and Mema, many visitors were at her side in her final days.

Born in Moultrie, GA. to Cecil Guy Morris and Nancy Lou “Vista” Burroughs Morris on November 14, 1936, Shirley grew up on her family’s farm along with her two sisters. Graduating from Moultrie High School, class of 1954, she excelled on the women’s basketball team, winning a State Championship her senior year. Soon thereafter, Shirley married her Air Force sweetheart, Henry “Shelby” Sellars on New Year’s Day, 1955. As newlyweds, they moved to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas to begin building a life and family together. Here, Shirley gave birth to four children, one girl and three boys. Shirley was a nurturing mother, dedicating herself to her family as a homemaker, seamstress and avid crafter, gardener, and baker. Her double fudge cookie recipe is remembered fondly. Later moving their family to Clermont, FL., Shirley was active in her community as a member of the Clermont Women’s Club and First Baptist Church of Clermont. She believed strongly in a good education, serving as a Teacher’s Aid at her children’s middle and high schools, cheering them on in their various academic and competitive sport endeavors.

In 1991, Shirley and Shelby retired to Homosassa Springs, FL. and welcomed their first of three grandchildren. As a breast cancer survivor, Shirley took full advantage of retired life with her husband, realizing their dreams of driving west to experience the beauty of our National Parks and trekking the full length of Lewis and Clark's Trail annually, often volunteering their time at park campgrounds along the way. Making lifelong friends during their journeys, Shirley collected stories and memories of her travels, sending countless postcards back home to her loved ones. She will be dearly missed.

Shirley was preceded in death by her first and second sons, Steven Shelby Sellars and Scott Morris Sellars, her elder sisters, Elizabeth Morris Ellinger and Opal Morris Jackson, and her loving husband, Henry "Shelby" Sellars. She is survived by her daughter, Sanna Lea (Sellars) Clifton of Ponce Inlet, FL. and son, Stuart Shelby Sellars of Floral City, FL. as well as her grandchildren, Chelsea Victoria Price-Gallinat of Burlingame, CA., Ethan John Clifton of Mims, FL., and Steven Scott Sellars of Palatka, FL.

An interment service was held at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. on Thursday, February 9, 2023 during which Shirley was reunited with her husband of 64 years. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to the [Susan G. Komen](#) organization, the world's largest nonprofit source of funding for the fight against breast cancer.

Brown Funeral Home
Lecanto, Florida in charge of arrangements