



Shirley Ann Myers

January 23, 1954 - September 30, 2023

Albany – Shirley Ann Myers, 69, passed away peacefully Saturday, September 30, 2023, at St. Peter’s Hospital in Albany, with family by her side. Born in Schenectady, NY, she was the daughter of the late Russell Edward Swanker, Sr. and Irene Vines Swanker.

In 1988, Shirley joined the faculty of The Music Studio. Instantly, she was indispensable. Over the course of a 34 year career, she was a devoted teacher to thousands of students: from preschoolers to advanced high school pianists to adult learners. She encouraged and guided not just her own students but every child who crossed paths with her at The Music Studio, whether rehearsing for a show, lining up for a recital, or just sitting on the bench waiting for a lesson. Mrs. Myers (as they knew her) bestowed on all of them her good cheer, her practical wisdom, her humor, and her joy in making and sharing music. They loved her and she loved them; she was always thrilled to see them when they came back to see her years after graduating, as they so often did. Mrs. Myers taught kindness and dedication along with music, and all three will long reverberate through her students' lives.

Shirley was the music director and organist for Christ Our Light Catholic Church in Loudonville, and organist at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in

Latham.

She was the loving wife of Rodney C. Myers, having just celebrated 33 years of marriage. She is also survived by her brother Russell Swanker, Jr. (Diane) and sister Suzanne Lequire, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings, Judith Swanker, Janan Frenger (Henry), and Robert Swanker (Kathy).

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Shirley's family on Friday, October 6, 2023, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211.

Shirley's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 9:00 at Christ Our Light Catholic Church.

The Rite of Committal will immediately follow the Mass at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Colonie.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Shirley in a special way, are asked to make a contribution to any charity of your choice.

To leave Shirley's family a message on their guestbook, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens Cemetery

983 Watervliet Shaker Road
Albany, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Ann Myers*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - October 06, 2023 at 10:51 AM

DW

“ *As a cellist at the Manhattan School of Music in the early '70's, Shirley and I played numerous recitals together. She was the best. An excellent pianist and a fine musician, with a great sense of humor. Very fond memories. We played in Schenectady in 1976 where I met her family. Wonderful people.*

D. Scot Williams - March 18, 2025 at 09:28 PM

RB

“ *We were so very sorry to learn of Shirley's passing. She made our family's time as students -- our daughters as young learners and me as an adult student at various times -- at The Music Studio very special and fun. Our family is thinking of Shirley's family and friends during this difficult time. She will be missed.*

*Regards,
The Bascom Family (Rusty, Wendy, Erin and Emily)*

Rusty Bascom - October 09, 2023 at 12:57 AM



“ Shirley Ann Myers

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - October 06, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ On behalf of the Stutzman family, I wish to express our condolences to Shirley Myers' family. Shirley impressed all three of my children with her constant smile, kindness, and gentle encouragement. She made music lessons a fond memory for them, a memory that is being paid forward with the next generation. May your memories bring you peace.

Janet Dwyer Stutzman - October 05, 2023 at 10:20 PM



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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - October 05, 2023 at 05:18 PM

JQ

“ Joe Quinlan

Shirley was a gem. I will miss her immensely. I bantered with her often to play my favorite religious songs, such as Be Not Afraid. Because of my physical limitations this past year, i saw her online only. Just knowing she was there was a comfort.

My condolences to Shirley's family.



Joe Quinlan - October 05, 2023 at 08:27 AM

JP

“ I AM VERY SORRY ABOUT SHIRLEY'S PASSING SHE IS PLAYING IN HEAVEN HER LEGACY WILL LIVE ON HER MEMORIAL MASS WILL BE AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH NEXT YEAR FR JOHN BRADLEY WILL DO THE MASS MAY SHE REST AND PEACE
JUSTIN PANETTA

JUSTIN PANETTA - October 04, 2023 at 10:34 PM

EB

“ So sorry for your loss.I met Shirley 36 years ago when she asked me if I would be interested in being a cantor in church.I have been singing with Shirley playing as I said for the past 36 years.I will surely miss her.

Edward Barnes - October 03, 2023 at 05:19 PM