



Louvena "Shirley" Messer

January 18, 1952 - November 1, 2025

Louvena "Shirley" Messer, 73, of Elk Creek, WV, went home to be with the Lord on November 1, 2025, while a patient at Trinity of Mingo Nursing Facility. Born on January 18, 1952, in Hazard, KY, she was the daughter of the late Ted and Hazel Deskins Collins. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers David, Clarence, "Red," and Earnest Collins and her sisters Mary Lou Maynard, Parlee Gartin, Mable Willingham, and Delilah Willingham.

Shirley faced illness bravely for more than three years and received loving care during her time at Trinity. She was a devoted member of Full Gospel Lighthouse Church in Elk Creek for many years. Shirley loved spending time with her family, playing badminton, and enjoying card games like Rummy and Phase 10. Her greatest joy in life was her grandchildren, who were truly her pride and joy.

Those left to cherish her memory include her loving husband of 56 years, Hubert Messer; her sons Hubert "Hubie" Messer, Robert D. Messer and wife Kimberly, and Curtis Bevins and wife Nancy; and her brother Jimmy Willingham.

She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren Jeremy (Morgan) Casey, Keisha Williamson, Tony (Arionna) Messer, Pacey Messer, Steven Dakota Messer, and Robert Joseph (Abby) Messer; and great-grandchildren Karter Beck, Halli, Kenadi, Daxton, and Cole Isaiah.

Shirley will also be lovingly remembered by her special sister-in-law Ernestine

“Poochie” Powers and husband Tommy, her dear friend Kaitlyn Steel, whom she loved as a daughter, and a host of caring friends and staff from Trinity Nursing Facility.

Funeral services will be held at Chafin Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., with Rev. Tommy Powers and Brother Curtis Bevins officiating. Burial will follow in the Wellman Cemetery at Elk Creek, WV. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Chafin Funeral Home is honored to serve the Messer family.

Cemetery Details

White-Wellman Cemetery

Elk Creek, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



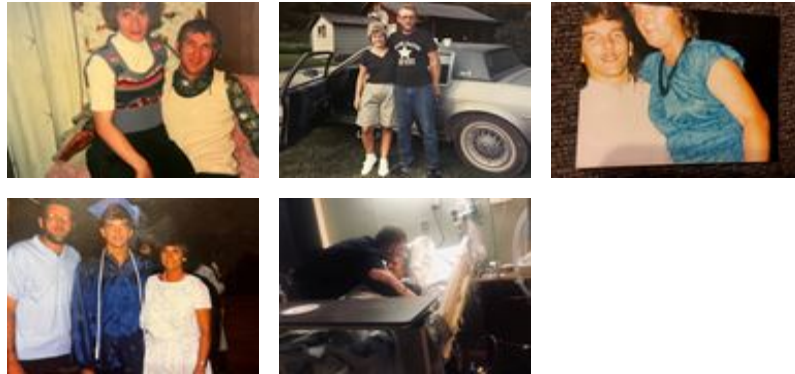
“ Love Trish and Jon Taylor purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Louvena "Shirley" Messer.



Love Trish and Jon Taylor - November 05, 2025 at 03:43 AM



“ 74 files added to the album Life Tributes



Chafin Funeral Home - November 04, 2025 at 03:55 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louvena "Shirley" Messer.



November 04, 2025 at 09:12 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louvena "Shirley" Messer.



November 03, 2025 at 11:04 PM



“ Brandon, KaraLin and Bennett Hatfield planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louvena "Shirley" Messer.

Brandon, KaraLin and Bennett Hatfield - November 03, 2025 at 11:04 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louvena "Shirley" Messer.



November 03, 2025 at 08:46 AM



“ Tony, Arionna, and Daxton Messer purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Louvena "Shirley" Messer.



Tony, Arionna, and Daxton Messer - November 03, 2025 at 08:44 AM



“ *I remember dad, Wayne my brothers and me and the esser family going deer hunting in Ritchie county ears ago..Those were good times...My condolences to the entire family ...You are in my thoughts an prayers..*



ER Rice - November 02, 2025 at 10:58 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Louvena "Shirley" Messer.*



November 02, 2025 at 07:19 PM