



Shirley Jane Plank Nash

April 2, 1936 - February 11, 2025

Shirley Nash, A Lovely Lady. Born in Salem, MO to John Dewey & Gladys “Luster” Plank on April 2nd, 1936. Born and raised in Salem along with two siblings, David Plank and Paul Plank both still living in Salem.

Shirley married her high school sweetheart Jack Nash and they had four children, Ken, Ron, Tim and Debby.

She was a lady filled with spunk and great sense of humor. Her children were targets of many practical jokes over the years. From scratching the window screen with her finger nails, scaring Ron and Tim half to death to peeling out in Ken’s candy apple red 66 GTO. While people cheered her on at Stephen’s parking lot.

Plus, she was always up for the car to come to a halt on vacations so her brother David could backup, jump out of the car and pickup a dead bird, so he could study and draw it later. Just one more passenger on vacation, the more the merrier were her sentiments.

There was also a side of her that was determined and unbreakable. Once, while living in the country, Tim decided a bottle of aspirin was a bottle of candy and downed them. The kids ages were 1,2,4 and 5 and she had no car.

Nevertheless, off she went with Debby & Tim on her hips and herding Ken and Ron down the path, they walked three miles to the nearest neighbor to get help, which happened to be Doss store.

She was employed at the Salem News Office began shortly after HS and lasted until she retired.

She died Feb 11th, 2025 in Spearfish, SD. She was loved so much and will be dearly missed. She has always loved and cherished family which has grown to many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

There will be a graveside service at Cedar Grove Cemetery on Tuesday, Feb 18th, at Noon.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

Cedar Grove Cemetery
Scenic Rivers Blvd
Salem, MO 65560
(573) 729-0205

Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to Shirley's family. I hope your fond memories of her help you in your grief. I met Shirley when I worked with her at The Salem News. One of the things I remember about her was her sense of humor. I am glad I got to know her. She will be missed.

--Shirley Layton

Shirley Layton - February 17, 2025 at 08:20 PM

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“ My sympathy to Shirley's children and their families and to David and Paul. I was one grade behind Shirley at West Shady Grove School and we were friends from then until I went away to college and even after I would see her occasionally. Shirley was everyone's friend and always had a happy smile!

With love, Eula Runner Montgomery

Eula Runner Montgomery - February 17, 2025 at 01:08 PM



“ Forever will live inside of me the many adventurous stories that Grandma brought to life. Along with her smile that brighten any dark day, a laugh that made your heart dance, and a hug that was nothing less than pure love. So honored to have called her my Grandma ☐

Nickie Petro - February 17, 2025 at 09:13 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Jane Plank Nash.*



February 17, 2025 at 08:39 AM



“ *To Shirley's children and brothers: I can realize your loss as I grew up and remained friends all the days of her life. It was a privilege to know someone as kind and clever as Shirley. With sympathy and love, Mary Lou Smith*

Mary Lou Smith - February 16, 2025 at 03:55 PM



“ *Such a wonderful and beautiful soul. I remember your mom well. Always had a smile and a hug for everyone. She will be dearly missed.*

Robin Raulston Norton - February 14, 2025 at 04:00 PM