



Shirley Younger

November 20, 2021

Shirley Ann Younger, 73, of Fort Collins passed away on Saturday, November 20, 2021.

Shirley was born in Hays, Kansas in 1948 to Esther Hautum (m. Bengston) and was the oldest of 9 children. A 6th generation of Colorado, she grew up in Wellington and was raised by her grandparents, George and Oillie Hautum. She graduated in 1966 from Poudre High School and continued learning as a nursing student at Poudre Valley Hospital. She was a Navy wife to Robert Beers for several years, during which the family moved around the East Coast before they re-settled in Fort Collins.

Shirley was the most loving Mom to her two sons, Dean and Philip; and she was the most loving mother-in-law, grandma (GG Shirley) and family matriarch to all of us. She also worked for Larimer County Human Services, retiring in 2014 after many years of dedicated service. Helping others made sense to Shirley – she was kind and selfless always. In Shirley's presence, people couldn't help but be joyful. She just enjoyed everything – always fun and forever loving.

Shirley is survived by her two sons, Dean Beers (wife Karen, Greeley) and Philip Beers (husband Sean Kline, New Orleans LA); grandchildren, Jeberly Hill (Cameron Blair), and Winter Hill; and great-grandchildren, Jacee Sobesky,

Lincoln Blair, Gage Devore, and Cash Devore; as well as siblings, Rick Bengston, Rachel Church, Jeanette Smith and Betty Bengston. She is also survived by her 'best friend – pal' Richard Perry; and the Rivera family of Fort Collins, a side of the family with whom she recently connected and was getting to know; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Shirley was preceded in death by her grandparents and mom, and siblings Sharon Younger, Jim Younger, Dorothy Bengston, and Mary Powers. We cannot forget another special friend, Janet Pike (England) – they were pen pals since age ten, over 63 years and met a few times, "Her loss has ended a very good time friendship. May the lovely Shirley rest in peace and may you enjoy sharing good times and memories of her."

She never forgot an important date or time and always let those people know she remembered them. We all loved her so much and always wanted her with us. We wanted her closer, she was very independent and always busy doing something.

She loved everyone so much, and it was so easy to love her. She had little quirks – Shirleyisms – she joked with us about. She would talk and talk, then say "Any how..." and go back to what she started talking – and probably forgot – about. Everyone who knew her will recognize her asking, "Would you like a beer?" in a way only she could – and is somewhat a tradition for all of us. No words can really describe her. If you think of a positive word – its her. Many have always said – Most Loving, Caring, Accepting, Joyful, Sweetest Person, Kind, Fun, Easy going, Loved to Laugh, Humble, Generous, Trusting, Loyal, Always Happy and considerate of others, a True Friend, Family First. And what everyone has always said, Truly Amazing and Selfless. We All Love You! You are incredible and awesome.

A visitation will take place from 4:00-6:00 pm, Thursday 12/02/2021 at Goes Funeral Care in Fort Collins; the family will have services at a later date. A

stone honoring Shirley will be placed at Roselawn Cemetery, next to her grandparents. In lieu of flowers, Shirley asked donations be made to a charity of your choice, and the family has chosen A Little Help of Fort Collins, a local senior-to-senior assistance program – www.alittlehelp.org/donate

Tribute Wall

PB

“ *It's been a year, and a lot has happened that I couldn't share but I know you know :-)* The Saints are playing today and I will think of our chats if we score...they ain't doing so well lately. Love you.

Philip Beers - November 20, 2022 at 12:00 PM



“ *Shirley Younger*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM

CH

“ *Shirley and I lived across the street from each other in Wellington, CO. She was a great and true friend. We lost touch when I moved. We had just re-connected in 2019. I was so happy to read all of the tributes on this wall. I am certain that she deserved each and every one. God Bless, Shirley. Hope to see you one day, "on the other side". Charlene*

Charlene - July 24, 2022 at 04:11 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Dean Beers - July 09, 2022 at 08:34 AM



“ Thanks to all for the thoughtful words for Mom.
We all Love and miss her every day!



Dean Beers - June 20, 2022 at 09:44 AM

JS

“ Jeannette Smith lit a candle in memory of
Shirley Younger



Jeannette Smith - April 04, 2022 at 06:09 PM

DS

“ I was so lucky to have met Shirley about 8 years ago when I sold
her home. From the first moment we met, I could tell she was such
a warm and special person. She always wore a smile and just had a
kind soul. I will miss seeing her and sharing stories about our
families. I will miss your kind nature. Rest in peace, my dear friend.
Denise Staab

Denise Staab - December 02, 2021 at 02:55 PM

GC

“ *The world seems a little dimmer without your smile Shirley but, everyone that had the pleasure of knowing you is better for it. Thank you for all the laughs and never forgetting to ask about my family by name. We should have been receiving your hand written Christmas card about now, just like you to always remember others but instead, I will remember you.*



Gail Clark - December 02, 2021 at 01:21 PM

MM

My deepest sympathy to her family and friends! What a loss to family, friends, and the community. She was a welcoming, friendly and helpful coworker. I enjoyed working with her for many years. May she rest in peace!

Myrna Maier

Myrna Maier - December 02, 2021 at 10:03 PM

NI

“ *Oh my sweetest Shirley, I'm going to miss you! I've always adored you. My favorite parts of going to the Ft Collins Office was to chat with her about the kids, grandkids, life. I'd always try to get her to pull the fire alarm during meetings because they were SO BORING (she wouldn't do it, but would say "we'll see"). 🤔 She was a great friend with the most incredible smile and laugh. I love you sweet friend*

Nicole - December 02, 2021 at 12:04 AM

RT

“ Shirley, was an awesome person. Always kept the family together. when you needed a friend to visit with she was there. She will be missed. Rosie and Tim always looked forward for her calls Tim would get upset that Shirley wanted to see all the family photos that he had to go find. i do think Shirley finally got them all, Shirley worked hard putting photos together it was a hobby but a job. love you Shirley!
Tim, Rosie, Becky and Ruthie

Ruth Traupe - December 01, 2021 at 10:12 AM

TC

I didn't have the opportunity to get to know Shirley very well but I'm glad to call her family, We the Rivera Family had the opportunity to meet Shirley at our family Reunion thanks to Ancestry. Shirley and I would cross paths on occasion and she would always greet me with a big smile and remind me that she had a great picture of Dean and I from the reunion. Fun fact Dean and I have worked together twice in our life time and didn't know we were related. Rest peaceful Shirley ❤️

Tina Chavez - December 02, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - November 30, 2021 at 06:40 PM

DC

I watched every second and read every word. I wish I would have met her, she sounds like she was a lovely lady. In 2019 my mother Wanda told me that she had submitted her DNA and there were a couple matches on Ancestry. She was trying to find out exactly how much Native American blood runs through her veins. (43% Hopi btw) She asked me to interrupt what the data meant. She never thought in a million years that she had an older sister. From her pictures I definitely see the resemblance. If there are any family members interested in getting to know me contact me on Facebook or email. Diamond Cortez Manteca, CA or iamrich1952@gmail.com ...Rest in Peace Auntie Shirley.

Diamond Cortez - February 07, 2022 at 03:49 PM



“*To Dean and family. So sorry for your loss. Shirley was the best sister in law anyone could ever have. All the beautiful things everyone is saying about her are so true. You and your mom were so kind and helpful to me when Jim died. She will be missed. I hope she's up in heaven having a party with all her friends and family who went before her. I love you Shirley.*

Sharon Younger - November 30, 2021 at 01:00 PM

LI

“ I started working with Shirley in 1985. I was a high school student and had the good fortune to start in Micrographics where Shirley worked. She was like a second mom to me during those early years. She listened with a caring ear and was very supportive of me. I had the pleasure of working with her until she retired, almost 30 years! I would stop by the mailroom and she would always ask about me, my daughter, and life in general. She was such a happy-go-lucky person and full of laughter. I had to smile when I read the mention of her saying "and anyhow" in the obituary. How true that was! I cried when I found out she passed away and it brings tears to my eyes now remembering her. She adored her family immensely and to everyone, I am so sorry for your loss. She touched the lives of so many with her joy, gentle spirit, and genuine love for others.

I know there must be some pictures of her time at HS and I'll try to track them down for the family.

Lisa Lehmkuhler Puckett

Lisa - November 29, 2021 at 05:54 PM



“ It wasn't mentioned in the obituary, but Shirley was my grandma and I will miss her forever. I have lots of great memories of her being the such a caring person in my life growing up. She helped me and my mom and my brother so much. I wish I would have gotten to see and talk to her more in the past few years, but I have a lot to look back on and i'm very grateful for that. I love you so much grandma.



Jessie Black - November 28, 2021 at 06:02 PM

AM

“ I could go on forever about how much I will miss you. You were always there for me when I needed a listening ear and in return you always had a positive thing to say and something to teach me. I was always learning from our conversations. I remember spending time at your house in the summers as a little kid and it was always so much fun and loving. I always felt the love. Throughout the years you would send me postcards and you built me a collection that I still have most of today. You never missed a birthday or holiday. And no matter what stage of life I went through you helped me to embrace it. My children are so blessed to have had you in their lives even after moving away you kept them in the loop even started to send them postcards too. We will all miss you so much. I love you Aunt Shirley RIP. Give everyone our love and a great big hug.



Amanda - November 27, 2021 at 10:52 AM

AN

“ Rest in peace aunt Shirley. I love and miss you.



Angel - November 26, 2021 at 05:53 PM



George Schlagel

Wonderful lady. She will be missed by so many. I worked a few years with her at Human Services and she was one of my escape from the maddens. I would wander back into the mail room, tell a story or two, laugh and return to the grind. Ahe leaves behind so many who love her.

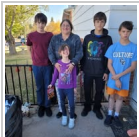
George S.

George Schlagel - November 26, 2021 at 10:35 PM



“ Rest in peace aunt Shirley. I love and miss you so much. I'm glad you are not suffering or in pain anymore. I know you are watching over all of us.

Angel - November 26, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ You be miss and rip I will me you so much for

Julie Sherwood - November 26, 2021 at 01:28 PM



“ Before I retired as a letter carrier, DHS 1501 Blue Spruce was part of my route. Shirley worked in the mailroom and always greeted me with a big smile. I never saw her in a bad mood. What a sweet and amazing lady. Through Richard Perry, Tom and I were able to stay in contact with her. Bless her heart. She will be greatly missed.

Laurie Meek - November 26, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ Shari Bartling lit a candle in memory of Shirley Younger



Shari Bartling - November 26, 2021 at 11:48 AM

SB

“ *To Shirley's family,
Heaven gained an Angel. Rest in peace my dearest friend. Praying
to God for strength for your family. This will be my last email to you
and as we always ended with "Love ya!" so Love ya!*

Shari Bartling - November 26, 2021 at 11:46 AM

RP

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Richard Perry - November 26, 2021 at 09:53 AM

RP

“ *Wonderful tribute Dean. Shirley was so proud of you and Phil and
all her family. I have too many memories to share now - they come
at me like waves. I do remember how much she loved watching
geese and whenever they would fly over she would ask me where I
thought they were going. Maybe now when we see them on their
way, we can think of her as being up there with them - she won't be
in the lead, wouldn't be her way but she would be true and loving to
her flock just as she was when she was with us. Love, RP*

Richard Perry - November 26, 2021 at 08:44 AM

KA

“ Losing Shirley is such a huge loss in our family. Shirley was so easy to be with and get along with. Shirley was an Awesome mom, mom in law, grandma and great grandma (GG Shirley). Shirley enjoyed the little things in life, something many of us forget to do. She was so thoughtful of others and would do for others before doing for herself. Shirley would giggle at the silly things I would say, she enjoyed laughing. She had many Shirleyisms, and would pronounce some words, that would make you go, huh? I could not have had a better mom in law, and I am truly grateful for the 30 years I had with her. She never missed a birthday or anniversary. She would send uplifting texts out of the blue. There are so many positive memories of Shirley, because she was a positive person who would give someone praise for the smallest things. I Loved her dearly and I miss her so very much! Shirley was truly an Uplifting, Wonderful person and will never be forgotten!



Karen - November 25, 2021 at 11:30 AM

PH

“ Today while watching the Saints after turkey I will miss your chats and laughing about finally understanding football together. Love you mom.

Philip - November 25, 2021 at 10:13 AM

AN

I'm so sorry for your loss

Angel - November 26, 2021 at 05:53 PM

PH

“ It's gonna be hard today, because I know mom would text me about the Saints playing and laughing.



Philip - November 25, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Remembering Shirley Younger



Dean Beers - November 25, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ Dean Beers sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Younger



Dean Beers - November 25, 2021 at 08:57 AM



“ Dean Beers lit a candle in memory of Shirley Younger



Dean Beers - November 25, 2021 at 08:57 AM

DB

“Fun, Loving; truly the best Mom from my earliest memories. My Mom became my friend, and she never quit being my Mom – and always will. It became hard to realize I was slowly taking care of her little things – not much, she was very independent and capable – just little things. She was taken from me too soon and while she was still very young of mind, heart, and body. Most important to me – in my Wife Karen I found someone who loved her daughters as much as Mom loved her sons. Mom was so welcoming of my family – My Wife for Life, Karen, and our two daughters Jeberly and Winter from very young ages. Mom never forgot an important date or time and always let us know. When we had grandbrats, she was right there and always has been. Special to us, every year on our anniversary she would tell us how so glad she was we found each other. On her last day she asked how we met, and how I met the girls – although she knew, she wanted to hear it again. This year she was as excited as we were to celebrate 30 years. We all loved her so much and always wanted her with us. We wanted her closer, she was very independent and always busy doing something. She would drive 45 minutes just to drop off a little something she found and thought we might like – a magazine, clipping – anything. Mostly an excuse to visit, and stay the night. We had lunch or visited every week, just the two of us. She always had a bag with stuff in it – something for me to give to everyone. Wine bottle for Karen to bottle, or candy for the kids. She loved everyone so much, and it was so easy to love Mom. She had little quirks – Shirleyisms – she joked with us about. She would talk and talk, then say “Any how...” and go back to what she started talking – and probably forgot – about. Or we would be driving, and she was always noticing little things, like “Oh, that truck’s going backwards in the field” and I said, “Well I can’t look now Mom – should I turn around?” and she would laugh. When we stayed in our RV in her driveway (for too long), she always asked – “Do you want a beer” in a way only she could – and it stuck with us for the last several years and is somewhat a tradition for all of us. No words can really describe my Mom. But, if you think of a positive word – its her – and many have shared them. I Love You Mom. You are incredible and awesome. Love back at ya! Yo Eldest!

To my Wife, kids and grandkids – Mom was so very close to us. She loved each of you, and you each loved her – all so much. I am so very sorry for your loss. I know all the memories we share will comfort us, and bring us laughs, at the right time. My heart breaks, and together we will have her memories to heal.

-- Dean A. Beers, oldest son and friend

Dean A. Beers - November 25, 2021 at 08:55 AM

DB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Dean A. Beers - November 25, 2021 at 08:55 AM

PB

“ One of the great pics from my last trip home. Seemes that we always laughed and bonded over food and drink 😊.



Philip Beers - November 24, 2021 at 07:50 PM