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Shirley Deane Sellenschuetter (nee Buckley) was born in Ashland, Kansas to the late Rev. Roy and Sybill Buckley (nee Dorsay). She was preceded in death by her three sisters, Betty, Jean and Donna.

During her high school years, Shirley's family moved to St. Louis where her father was pastor at First Assembly of God in St. Charles. It was here she met her husband, Roger Sellenschuetter. They were married on July 2, 1955 and had three children, Steve, Mike (Jeanna), and Jean (Mike Mudry). She was the proud grandmother of five grandchildren: Mikala Lehmann (nee Mudry), Aaron Mudry, Will, Lily and Lexy Sellenschuetter.

Shirley was a woman ahead of her time. She was a multitasker before the word was in vogue. At First Assembly, Shirley volunteered in a number of capacities from singing in the choir to working as the church secretary. She blazed a trail by becoming the first woman board member at the church, a milestone of which she and her family were very proud. Shirley was loyal to family and friends alike. If someone was in need, she was ready to help, no matter the situation or request. At First Assembly Shirley spearheaded, with the help of several other organizations, "Fashion Share," a ministry for women in crisis. The notion was to create boutiques from donated clothing where women in need could go shopping without cost.

Shirley was also passionate about missions and contributed to a number of projects both in the U.S. and abroad.

Shirley played a number of roles: wife, mother, grandmother, friend, the "cool" aunt, business woman. She loved estate sales and finding treasures in boxes others would discard as junk. She had a huge sense of style and always had the perfect outfit, along with accessories, for every occasion. Shirley wasn't afraid to try new things be it business ventures, food, travel or anything someone might suggest. She enjoyed fast cars, motorcycles and boats. A lover of animals, Shirley and Roger always had pets whether it was dogs (a little black pug named Cinder was their favorite), horses, or whatever creature was found and brought home by one of her children. Her desire to live life to the fullest was contagious for some and a lesson for all.

Most of all, Shirley was a believer. Her belief in Christ as her savior was the guiding force in her life. A believer in the power of prayer, she was a warrior for many with notes and cards around the house reminding her to pray for different people and various causes. As one of her children said, "Prayer was her greatest legacy." She knew she would go to Heaven to be with Jesus when her time on earth was done. Thanks to her, we rest in that knowledge as well.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Gospel Ministries International, an organization begun by Ghiorghi and Christina Cazacu, personal friends of Shirley. For contribution information, go to <https://www.gmii.org/gmi-ministries>

Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2019 from 10am- 12pm with a service to follow at First Assembly Church. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery, St. Charles, MO.

Cemetery

Oak Grove Cemetery
2700 West Clay Street
St. Charles, MO, 63301

Events

AUG **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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First Assembly Church
4750 N Service Rd, MO, US, 63376

AUG **Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ So sorry for the loss in your family but what a celebration in Heaven.it must have been. My family was at First Assembly when Shirley's parents came to be our minister, and right away we became friends. We have so many good memories growing up together and then us both getting married and still making wonderful memories with the families that we had. I always knew when I needed prayer I could always count on Shirley. She will be missed so much but one day, we will also see her in heaven.

Wilma Hood - August 14 at 03:27 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. The obituary is beautiful. My favorite memory besides her fashion was her laughter! Love, Dave and Sheila King

Dave and Sheila King - August 14 at 01:04 PM



“ Debra Finklang lit a candle in memory of Shirley D. SELLENSCHUETTER



Debra Finklang - August 14 at 11:43 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Alternative Funeral & Cremation Service - August 14 at 11:03 AM