



Shirley Shorey Gandza

December 6, 2022

Shirley (Shorey) Gandza (90) of West Hartford, wife of the late Nicholas Gandza, passed away on December 6th, 2022. She was born to the late Vernleigh and Florence (MacDonald) Shorey on May 5th, 1932. She attended the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, Connecticut and spent nearly four decades teaching middle school. Shirley leaves behind her three children Brenda Brede (Jeffery), Carol Zenke (Scott), and Michael Gandza (Donna); five grandchildren Scott Zenke Jr (Jennifer), Nancy Dawicki (Thomas), Matthew Brede (Carissa), Douglas Brede (Anastasia), and Nicholas Gandza (Amy); as well as six great-grandchildren Carson Zenke, Mia Zenke, Sloane Dawicki, Rowan Dawicki, Faye Dawicki, and Mackenzie Brede. She was predeceased by her sister Beverly McKeon and brother-in-law Bob McKeon. Shirley took great pride in her Scottish heritage and was knowledgeable on many different cultures. She spent many summers at Chalker Beach in Old Saybrook, Connecticut with friends and family. Shirley enjoyed trips to the casino with members of the Elmwood Senior Center, playing bridge with her long standing group of friends, and spending time with family. She was fond of bird watching, yard sales, antiques collecting and flowers - particularly orchids. Shirley will be buried in a private ceremony at Fairview Cemetery in West Hartford, Connecticut with her late husband. In lieu of flowers, in Shirley's honor, please perform an act of kindness to brighten someone's life. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest condolences to the entire Gandza family on the death of your Mom. She was a wonderful woman in so many ways. Her and my Mom were such great friends, and she was an incredible teacher. My kids were lucky to have had her at Avon Middle School. She cared about all her students, wanting them to be successful but more importantly, she cared how they were doing as people- knowing that those ages are sometimes very hard to navigate. If I know your Mom, her and Elsie are probably getting a bridge group started up above and having fun and many laughs! You are in my thoughts and prayers,
Carolyn (Arcand) Ostafin

Carolyn Ostafin - December 14, 2022 at 07:16 PM

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“ Brenda, Carol and Nick, Your mom and I were friends for over 60 years. Most of my memories were arguments a the bridge table. But we shared many fun times together at dances held by the Junior Woman's Club. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Shirley was one of a kind. Joan Gagne

Joan Gagne - December 12, 2022 at 11:51 AM