



## Shirley R. Marosek

May 17, 1941 - September 21, 2025

We celebrate the life of a remarkable woman, Shirley Rose Marie Marosek, who passed away peacefully after a long and courageous battle with dementia. Born on May 17, 1941, in St. Louis, Missouri, Shirley was the beloved daughter of Frances and Russell Pilcher. She was the cherished sister to six siblings—Donald, William, Jean, Joan, Richard, and Raymond—who shaped her early years with love, laughter, and camaraderie.

On January 4, 1964, Shirley married the love of her life, Charles “Chuck” Frederick Marosek. Together, they built a life filled with adventure, devotion, and deep family bonds. They raised three children: Chuck Marosek, Scott Marosek, and Sandra Dages (Marosek), who carry forward her legacy of love and resilience.

Shirley was a devoted stay-at-home mother during her children’s early years, pouring her heart into raising them with care and compassion. Later, driven by her lifelong love for animals, she pursued a Veterinary Associate’s Degree. Her passion led her to work in veterinary care, but after moving to Texas, her petite 4’5” frame made working with large animals like cows and horses a

challenge. Undeterred, Shirley pivoted careers and found her calling in healthcare, working as a medical assistant for an ENT specialist for over 30 years. Her dedication, empathy, and professionalism touched countless lives throughout her career.

Shirley and Chuck were true global citizens. Their journey took them from Peoria, Illinois, to Geneva, Switzerland, and further across the globe to Harare, Zimbabwe, and Johannesburg, South Africa. They embraced each new culture with open hearts, creating a rich tapestry of experiences that shaped their family's worldview. Their travels extended to Egypt, France, the United Kingdom, and Brazil to name a few places, always with Shirley's adventurous spirit leading the way.

A devout Catholic, Shirley lived her faith through kindness, generosity, and unwavering love for her family. She was known for her warmth, her infectious laughter, and her ability to make everyone feel welcome and cherished. Her home was a haven of comfort and joy, especially when filled with the aroma of her famous homemade potato rolls and Christmas gingerbread cookies. She delighted in preparing feasts for her ever-growing family, ensuring no one ever left hungry.

Shirley is survived by her children and their spouses:

Sandra Dages and husband Donald Dages, and their children Kai Dages and Sam Dages

Scott Marosek and wife Kate Marosek, and their sons Ben Marosek and Peter Marosek

Chuck Marosek and wife Suzanne Marosek, and their children:

Cassie Gerson (Marosek) and husband Adam Gerson, and their son Jackson Gerson (Shirley's great-grandson)

Abby Glendenning (Marosek) and husband Fred Glendenning

Maddie Marosek

She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and a loyal friend. Her feisty spirit, social nature, and deep love for her husband Chuck were constants throughout her life. Now reunited with him, their love continues eternally.

As we remember Shirley today, we honor her legacy of love, adventure, and family. Her spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew her, and her memory will continue to guide us with warmth and grace.

A burial will take place in Texas at a later date, where Shirley will be laid to rest alongside her cherished husband, Chuck, in eternal love and peace.

Rest in peace, dear Shirley. You are deeply missed and forever loved.

Friends may donate to The Hospice Foundation of America (HFA), <https://hos>

[picefoundation.org/donate/](http://picefoundation.org/donate/) in Shirley's memory.

# Tribute Wall



“ So we laid you to rest dear Shirley, following your journey from Ohio back to to be next to your beloved Chuck. You are a beautiful human and this day, your 85th Birthday, we wish you all our love and hugs and hope somewhere you can see and read this ..... we flew to USA to be there beside you and the moment you returned to your true love, it seemed complete and the two souls are together and united once again... rest safe Shirley, you will always be in our hearts and I thank ou for the sunflowers, the constand generosity and allowing me to steal your son away.. he is an amazing husband and Im so blessed.. Rest easy now Shirley. I will try to visit again and pay my respects. love always



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**Kate M-Fitness** - May 16 at 06:37 PM

TR

“ My wife and I are indebted to Shirley for making my ENT practice and lives better. I put an add for a nurse technician and Shirley applied . I asked her background and she had worked for a Vet. I just sat back and let her talk about her experiences , family , attention to detail on animal care and thought Tom you are not hiring a dog tech for our practice but she is what we needed. Patients loved her , referring offices loved her , surgery scheduling loved her and she became invaluable to us. She bragged about her children all the time and heard funny stories of her husband Chuck. She was a very special person . Thank you Tom and Hazel Ripp

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**Tom Ripp** - September 26, 2025 at 01:48 PM

MW

“ Marla W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley R. Marosek.

Marla W. - September 24, 2025 at 09:38 AM



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Kate M-Fitness - September 24, 2025 at 02:13 AM



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Kate M-Fitness - September 24, 2025 at 02:12 AM



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**Kate M-Fitness** - September 24, 2025 at 02:11 AM



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**Kate M-Fitness** - September 24, 2025 at 02:10 AM



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**Kate M-Fitness** - September 24, 2025 at 02:07 AM



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**Kate M-Fitness** - September 24, 2025 at 02:03 AM

JD

“ Well, little Shirley I remember when you first came to the village it wasn't too happy at first, but you got the hang of us oh and the cat kind of fat cat I remember you always trying to make me sit down and eat with you but I was on duty not able to sometimes I just sit with you. I just love the way you talked about stuff made me laugh. it could be about nothing but I just had to laugh and I remember you always telling me how was your favorite and that was the truth I was and your daughter Sandra and her husband great great people and of course the two grandkids of Sandra and her husband great kids great kids well one thing every now and then we do talk about you. I'll let you know that and you just love to read to people you will sit at the end of the hall and just read to Ted and you made me laugh. The best part of the job is having people like you there. I enjoyed haven't you live there and me getting to meet you and your family one thing I do remember as you would disappear and we all went looking for you and we find someone's room in the bed sleeping. I'll tell you we would laugh that was after we found you knew you was OK that was one memory I'll never forget scared the heck out of your daughter Sandra Well, you rest in peace tell my family my mom, my dad my brother is my sisters. I said hi they'll love you your friend forever love Jennifer Dejesus.

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**jennifer dejesus** - September 24, 2025 at 12:26 AM

AG

“ So glad that we made the trip up to Ohio this summer to see you.



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**Abby Glendenning** - September 23, 2025 at 08:38 PM



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**Kate M-Fitness** - September 23, 2025 at 05:56 PM



“ *Dearest Shirley*

*How you filled our lives with joy and laughs and the memories we keep in our hearts continue to make me grin.*

*As a grandmother to our two boys Benjamin and Peter you always work so hard to make our visits fun filled and we have treasured memories of our adventures together. I will miss hearing you reminisce about your travels across Europe and your times in Africa that stay with you forever. I'll always remember the time that you held our first born Ben whilst the soundtrack of Out of Africa was playing and that moment froze in time for me. I will continue to try and find additional photographs as we have some cracking memories. Rest easy now xx*

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**Kate Marosek** - September 23, 2025 at 05:11 PM

JD

*Shirley I remember the day that you walked into the village with a big kind of fat cat, but a sweetheart of a cat and I liked when you would follow me I always want me to sit down and eat with you cause I was working when able to do that and the times you would sit and make me laugh oh my God could you make me laugh it could be over nothing but you made me laugh and at times you thought we were someplace else and that was OK I like listening to you and I loved your daughter Sandra. She was very very good to me and especially you. Well I hope you rest in peace now that you're up there and Heaven could you please watch over me I'd appreciate it. I got a few angels up there so you might as well get and hang with them. Surely I'll never forget you. I named your little Shirley. Love you, receptionist Friend Jennifer Dejesus.*

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**jennifer dejesus** - September 24, 2025 at 12:17 AM

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**Kate Marosek** - September 23, 2025 at 05:09 PM

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**Kate Marosek** - September 23, 2025 at 05:04 PM

HM

“ *I remember Shirley by her cheery disposition and her speediness. She was always in motion. And was always trying to feed you. Most memorable for me was Halloween sloppy joes and handing out candy. She loved seeing the kids in their costumes.*

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**Heather Mobley** - September 23, 2025 at 11:38 AM