



## Shirley Jean VanVliet

March 9, 1959 - August 20, 2014

Shirley Jean VanVliet, 55 year old resident of Spring, Texas, died August 20, 2014, at Vitas Hospice in The Woodlands, Texas. Born March 9, 1959 in San Jose, California, she was the daughter of Roland Parson and Marian (Snow) Parson. Shirley was the valedictorian of both her high school and college classes and graduated from Northeast Louisiana University (now the University of Louisiana at Monroe), Summa Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Shirley worked for many years in various nursing settings and most recently spread joy and information in the Public Contact section of the Lincoln VA Regional Office.

Shirley was passionate about education, human rights, and finding truth. She believed in compassion and respect for others and using science and reason to find answers to preserve our planet and improve the lives of humanity.

She was preceded in death by her father, Roland Parson.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Ben Zoellick of Spring, Texas, and Christina and Larry Lee and her grandson, Aiden Lee of Lincoln, Nebraska; her mother, Marian Parson of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; her sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Glenn Hill and her nephews, Austin

and Jason Hill; her brother and sister-in-law, Jeff and Pam Parson, and her nieces, Lauren and Morgan Parson; and her aunts and uncles, Carol and Ray Birge, Bill and Naomi Parson, Dola and Bill Young; and numerous cousins.

Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Developments in Literacy (<http://www.dil.org/>) which focuses on educating children and empowering communities.

# Tribute Wall

ET

“ So sorry for your loss. Shirley was a very caring person and great nurse. I enjoyed working with her.

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**Elaine Thompson** - August 28, 2014 at 08:04 PM

SW

“ Marian and family,  
I was so shocked to hear of Shirley's passing. I loved working with her in PACU at SSMH. She was one of the most intelligent and caring nurses that I have ever known. I will be lifting up your family in prayer in the days ahead.

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**Sharon Watts** - August 27, 2014 at 04:46 PM

EF

“ My family and I would like to express our deepest sympathy over the loss of Shirley.  
May you find comfort in your loving memories and the warmth of family and friends. I love the beautiful promise at Revelation 21:4 when death and pain will be gone forever after God restores his original purpose for the earth. We will even see our loved ones again who we have lost in death (John 5:28 & 29). It is our hope that these words bring you a measure of comfort during this difficult time. Once again, please accept our condolences as you deal with your loss.

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**Elton Family** - August 27, 2014 at 04:02 PM

DG

“ Marion and Family, Shirley was one of God's daughters who was committed to blessing others in special ways. We pray God will comfort each of the family with love, peace, and dependence upon Him. Don and Irene Gilbert



Don and Irene Gilbert - August 27, 2014 at 09:59 AM

BW

“ I am so sorry for your loss.



Barbara Wesner - August 26, 2014 at 10:31 PM

BE

“ BelindaLondaginShetlar lit a candle in memory of Shirley Jean VanVliet



BelindaLondaginShetlar - August 25, 2014 at 02:20 PM

CC

“ Marian and family, I am so sorry for your loss and share a feeling of sadness at the loss of Shirley. May the Lord be close to you during these days of grief and healing of your hearts.

Charolette Clegg - August 25, 2014 at 12:20 PM

WB

“ First I want to send my Condolence to the Van Vliet family. There are no words to express my sorrow for your loss. Please know that I am thinking of you and the rest of your family at this time and Praying that the Lord will give you all the strength during this difficult time. Shirley was a very dear friend and co worker of mines here at the Biloxi VA. I will always cherrish our friendship and talks and text messages we shared. It was a honor to work with you on a daily basis. I will always remember that smile you had when you walk in the office to update your books. I am so glad we kept in touch after you transferd to the other VA. You will be greatly missed my friend..



Will Barker - August 25, 2014 at 08:30 AM



“ Ray Birge lit a candle in memory of Shirley Jean VanVliet



Ray Birge - August 25, 2014 at 05:45 AM

WB

“ Shirley You will truly be missed my friend / co worker. I will always cherish your friendship and the talks and text messages we shared. I will never forget the laughs and tears we shared over the phone in your final days. The text your daughter sent me that morning brought tears to my eyes but I know you are in a better place and not in pain anymore.. Keeping your family in my prayers in this time of sorrow.



Will Barker - August 24, 2014 at 05:16 PM

KH

“ First of all to Shirley's family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I dearly loved Shirley and the friendship we shared. She was vibrant, energetic and a truly compassionate person. She was my manager at the Gulf Coast VA and was such a listener, probably the BEST listener I have ever met. I loved her smile and her blond hair. I will share this: She and another friend came over to our home one evening. We grilled out and smoked a veggie burger just for her. We then got in the pool and played volleyball. We were all new to the area on the coast and it was so fun and relaxing just to be together with "friends". I thought the world of her and will continue to think of her often. Peace and blessings to you all.

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**Kamero Haverstic** - August 24, 2014 at 12:29 PM

KH

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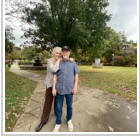
**Kamero Haverstic** - August 24, 2014 at 12:23 PM

GV

“ Shirley was a loving mother and we are thankful for the two beautiful granddaughters that she gave us. Papa & Mimi

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**George & Charlene Van Vliet** - August 23, 2014 at 07:30 PM



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**Ray Birge** - August 23, 2014 at 10:20 AM