



# Shirley Ann Ramos

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**S**hirley Ann Noguez Ramos, 80, entered eternity on July 19, 2020, her wings earned, now watching from above.

Shirley was born on August 17, 1939 in Tampa, Florida, to first generation Tampanians Ignacio Noguez and his wife Zoraida Ramirez Noguez. Shirley was the second of four daughters, preceded in death by her elder sister Alice, survived by her younger sisters Zoraida (Cookie) and Joyce, as well her two half-sisters Connie and Carol.

Shirley graduated from Plant High School in 1957 with commendations for her work in the athletic department, eventually finding employment with Electric Supply Co., Inc. In 1958 a young man she had previously known, home on leave from the Navy, saw her while she was shopping with her mother and knew he would marry her. Vincent Calistus Ramos Jr., the son of Vincent Calistus Ramos Sr. and Edelmira (Nini) Sanchez Ramos, would marry Shirley Ann Noguez at Christ The King Catholic Church, on South Dale Mabry, on June 12, 1959. This would begin a love affair spanning more than six decades.

Vince and Shirley wasted no time starting a family, giving birth to their first child, Monica, in March of 1960. Eight days later, tragedy would strike as Shirley would lose her mom to an unexpected passing. As a new mom, with a new baby, Shirley would find her resolve in the midst of her anguish. She would find her motherly support from Vince's mom, Nini. Shirley's maternal instincts needed no grooming though, she was born to love and teach children. She would blossom into a force to be reckoned with that could throw shoes around corners, yet show the tenderest of love and care.

Shirley's entire life was about children. She worked as a teacher's assistant at Alexander Elementary while her kids were in school, she also coached softball and baseball, led Girls Scouts, was a den mother for Boy Scouts, and volunteered at her children's schools as often as she could. This passion for teaching and nurturing children didn't end with her own, every moment spent with a child was an opportunity to teach. Until she was in her late 70's, Miss Shirley's



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unconditional love and ability to create joy in little one's hearts would touch countless numbers of children that loved her as much in return. So much so that children she nurtured would have their own children come to be nurtured by Miss Shirley.

In addition to her love for children, Shirley loved the relationship between insect and plant life. It was normal for her to have either a caterpillar, cocoon, or butterfly in the entryway to her home. A published writer and poet, Shirley loved writing and sharing her stories with her loved ones. She was always quick to pass along a good book or a writing to someone she thought would like it without anything expected in return. Her house was open to all. There you could always find her refreshing insight and advice on any subject you needed, or a simple conversation filled with humor that would leave you chuckling for the rest of the day. Above all her home was a place where love reigned ever present.

She is survived by the love of her life Vincent C. Ramos Jr., married 61 yrs., and by her 8 children: Monica Veronica Erica Jessica Vincent Scott Myrica Randy, (spoken like one word with no breath). She was Grandma to 34 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

The family will be gathering for a private Celebration of Life.



## Tribute Wall

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**Beth Hernandez** posted:

Happy Birthday in Heaven. Love, Beth, Chris and the kids

August 17 at 3:49 AM



**Pamela Ramos-Johnson** posted:

Aunt Shirley, You were a wonderful part of my life - loved the talks we had, enjoyed your great sense of humor and witnessing the passionate way you lived your life. Te quiero mucho!Pam (Ramos-Johnson)

July 30 at 10:36 AM



**Sarah** posted:

When I lived with Grandma and Grandpa sometimes I'd volunteer with Grandma at her preschool. Seeing her teach and run the classroom was really seeing her in her element. Those kids learned so much and adored her. She was magic at nap time. She never lost that magic with kids; my kids were so happy to play with her, I'm so glad we got to visit with her in February.

July 26 at 6:19 AM



**Sarah** lit a candle in honor of Shirley.



July 26 at 6:00 AM



**Beth Hernandez** posted:

We will always have a special place for you in our hearts. We will hold dear the times we spent together. Thank you for being an important person in all our lives. Love, Beth, Chris, Nicole, Jeffrey and Dana

July 26 at 6:00 AM



**Leslie Dumaine Freitas** lit a candle in honor of Shirley.

Sending prayers



July 25 at 9:12 PM



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**Audra Ramos** posted:

I will miss her smile and making all the grandchildren kneel down to hug her if they were too tall!  
RIP. LUAudra

July 25 at 5:36 PM



**Carol** lit a candle in honor of Shirley.

With a heart of gold, she was my sister and when I needed a home at a young girl she moved me in and I was loved she was a mom to me when I had none my nieces and nephews became brothers and sisters . And my life was better because she loved me ... A beautiful flower was picked from the garden and taking home and placed on Gods golden table..



July 25 at 5:35 PM



**Shirley Jean Ramos** lit a candle in honor of Shirley.

Mom you were the best mother in law anyone could have asked for. Through the years I've always loved you. I will greatly miss talking to you. Love you mom.  
Shirley Jean



July 25 at 12:22 PM



**Cookie** lit a candle in honor of Shirley.

July 24 at 9:03 AM





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