



Shirley Allen

March 12, 1937 - May 3, 2025

Shirley Mae Allen, 88, Ottawa, Kansas, passed away Saturday, May 3, 2025, at Rock Creek of Ottawa Nursing Home.

Shirley was born March 12, 1937, to Loren and Cleo Boling Dempsay in Coleridge, Nebraska. She attended school in Belden, Nebraska, graduating from Belden High School.

Shirley married Melvin Kreshel, had 2 children, Mike and Deborah, and moved to Carbondale in the 1960s. She and Melvin later divorced. She later married James Allen, enjoying 40 years before his passing in 2021.

She worked for Jostens Yearbook in Topeka and later owning Allen Liquor Store in Auburn, making many friends along the way. Shirley attended Lighthouse Baptist Church in Baldwin City, Kansas. Her family would like to thank Pastor Tim Nellessen of Centropolis Church for his many conversations and continual presence in the last few months of her life, it truly meant a lot to her.

Shirley was preceded in death by her two husbands, Melvin Kreshel and James Allen; her son, Mike Kreshel; her son-in-law, Steve Powell; and her four siblings.

Shirley is survived by her daughter, Deborah Combs (Doug); daughter-in-law, Patti Kreshel; step-children, James Allen (Robin), Lori Lewicki (Ernie), and Michael Allen (Tonya); grandchildren, Kelli Bateman (Nick), Kraig Powell (Shayleen), Justin Kreshel, Keith Kreshel (Hannah) Christi Rondash (Joel), Megan Peters (Josh), Bradley Lewicki, Ashley Lewicki, Ashleigh Waters (Michael), Sydney Akin (Aaron), and Linzy Allen; many great-grandchildren; and friends.

Family will greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 23, 2025, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hope House of Ottawa or a gift of a plant.

Shirley's family would like to encourage any attending her visitation to wear their favorite sports team's gear.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Allen



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - May 21, 2025 at 04:34 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Miss Shirley was definitely a joy to know!! I was so blessed to be a part of her care as long as I was. We had some pretty good times and quite a few deep talks. She LOVED my hand made gifts. Especially the fancy earrings!!! Rest in Peace my dear friend.

Connie Nokes - May 07, 2025 at 12:28 PM