



## Shirley W. Powell

February 21, 1933 - July 15, 2008

Shirley Waylan Powell passed away July 12, 2008 surrounded by her family. She was born, February 21, 1933, on a farm near Belleville, Kansas, to Waldene William and Jessie Roselie (Jakabosky) Waylan. Until she was 3 the family lived in Concordia, Kansas and then moved to Topeka. She attended school at Sumner, Central Park, Boswell, and Topeka High (1951). She went to Clarks Business School and then worked for the Santa Fe Railroad in the Car Service Department. On September 8, 1956 Shirley married William R. Powell, M.D. They lived at Hill Air Force Base, Utah while Bill was in the service. In 1959 they moved to Des Moines, Iowa where Bill was in his surgical residency. They then returned to Topeka in 1963 and lived in Knollwood. Shirley was a member of many organizations over the years including: the Santa Fe Women's Club, Eastern Star, International College of Surgeons Medical Auxiliary, Kansas Medical Society Auxiliary, Shawnee County Medical Auxiliary, the Des Moines Mother of Twins Club, Red Clover, and Knife & Fork Club. She also served as a volunteer at St. Francis Hospital for many years, helping in the Intensive and Coronary Care waiting room. Shirley was currently a member of First United Methodist Church, PEO Chapter HG, Knollwood Garden Club, and Prairie Land Depression Era Glass Club. Survivors include her husband William R. Powell, M.D.; daughters Annette Faith Powell Keenan (Steve), of Lenexa, Kansas, Jennifer Elizabeth Powell, of Lenexa, Kansas, and Kathleen Janet Powell, of San Jose, California; two grandsons, Brandon Jacob Keenan, and Chandlor Ryan

Keenan; and a sister, Janet Talbot (John), of Lady Lake, Florida. The family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Tues. July 15 at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka, KS 66614. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Wed. July 16 at First United Methodist Church, 600 SW Topeka Blvd with burial to follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Cotton O'Neil Cancer Center or to St. Francis Hospital and sent in c/o the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley W. Powell*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Ann and Jennifer-I was so sorry to learn of your mother's passing. I have fond memories of her good natured humor when we were children. She was always smiling and so accepting and friendly. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Kim New*

**Kimberly (York) New** - August 03, 2008 at 05:19 PM



“ *Jennifer and Ann, and Family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Dr. and Mrs. Powell were good christians at FUMC and I know that Shirley will be missed. Always dwell on the good memories.*

**Nancy Look Donnelly** - July 22, 2008 at 09:48 PM



“ *To the Powell family;  
I have had the pleasure of enjoying the friendship of Shirley's daughter Kathleen for over ten years. Kathleen is a wonderful person in mind, heart and spirit. While I only met Shirley once and found her delightful, it is through the works of her daughter that I fully appreciate what a terrific mother she was. I am profoundly grateful to Shirley for the sacrifices she made to create Kathleen my treasured friend.*

*With love and sympathy to all, Robert Phelps*

**Robert Phelps** - July 18, 2008 at 05:02 PM

LA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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**Lora AlKhawam** - July 18, 2008 at 01:40 PM

CS

“ Im a very close friend of Kathleens.....I never had the pleasure of meeting her mother , however she did an amazing job of raising a beautiful, compassionate and most important very loyal friend...I send my condolences to the family of her mother and know that she is out of the pain she has been suffering .....I only wish I could be there in person to help ease some of the pain for my dear friend and her family, time is the only thing that heals....along with some wonderful memories from the past.....Love Christine

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**Christine Storey** - July 17, 2008 at 10:30 PM

LP

“ Dr Powell, I am a friend of Kathy's from California and I want you to know that you and your family have been in my thoughts for the last several weeks. I am very sorry for your loss and hope that all of the wonderful memories of your wife can flood your heart with love and overwhelm the sadness. Sincerely, Laura

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**Laura J Phelps** - July 17, 2008 at 08:52 PM

AE

“ Janet Talbot, I know how very difficult it is to lose a sister and you have my deepest sympathy. I did talk to her when both Mom and then Donna were in the hospital. She made a point of seeking me out & it was always nice to see her. I had hoped to get to the funeral home, but, as usual, a conflict is in the way. Just wanted to offer my condolence to you and your family.

Audrey (Baer) Erdman

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Audrey Baer Erdman - July 15, 2008 at 04:27 PM

PF

“ Uncle Bill, Annie, Jenny and Kathy, I am so awfully sorry to hear of the loss of Aunt Shirley. She was always a smiling face and loving hand to me when I was a child. I have many fond memories of our times together. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of sorrow. Much love, Penny, Jack, Andrew and Christopher.

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Penny Powell Jenkins and family - July 14, 2008 at 10:42 PM

JL

“ Jennifer -- Be lifted up by the many, many thoughts and prayers bestowed upon you and your family. I pray that you may find peace, clarity, strength, and courage during this tragedy. Remember it's during times like these that it's best to only find one set of footprints in the sand. --Joe

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Joe Lopez - July 14, 2008 at 04:13 PM

MH

“ *Dr Powell and family,  
I am sorry for the loss of Shirley. She was an interesting, kind woman. I was lucky enough to meet her acquaintance as a nurse on the rehab unit @Plaza West. Shirley always had a smile and words of encouragement. My prayers are with you and your family.*

*Michelle Harman, nurse*

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**Michelle Harman** - July 14, 2008 at 04:08 PM

TF

“ *Ann & Steve - our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mrs. Powell wore many hats -- wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and wonderful friend to name just a few. She will be greatly missed by many people. May you draw strength from your faith to help you through this very difficult time.*

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**Todd & Katy Crow and family** - July 14, 2008 at 02:46 PM

JS

“ *Jennifer and Family,  
I want you to know that I am praying for you and your family during this difficult time. Place your trust in God and He will give you the strength that you need.*

*Hugs and Prayers,  
Jennifer Stone*

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**Jennifer Stone** - July 14, 2008 at 12:10 AM