



## Shirley Kent

January 17, 1930 - December 27, 2008

Obituary of Shirley Kent Shirley M. Kent, 78, of Ocala, passed away December 27, 2008 at her home. Mrs. Kent was born January 17, 1930 in Miami, FL and lived there until 1994 when she moved to Ocala. She graduated from Miami Senior High School in 1948 and attended business school for a year. When her youngest son was in high school she went to work as a clerk and then secretary at E.W.F. Stirrup Elementary School in Miami until retiring in 1992. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert E. Marx and second husband, George Ajhar. She is survived by her loving husband, Robert J. Kent; sons, Daniel Marx and wife, Peggy of Albany, GA, Robert E. Marx of Key Largo, FL, Edward L. Marx and wife, Marie of Cooper City, FL and Ronald D. Marx and wife Rhonda of Tallahassee, FL; step-daughter, Patricia Conner Stewart, FL; 6 grandchildren, Daniel, Whitney, Courtney, and Meaghan Marx and Michelle and Melissa Conner. A Memorial Service will be held at ROBERTS FUNERAL HOMES, Downtown Chapel (606 SW 2nd Ave., Ocala 622-4141) on Friday (January 2nd) at 4 PM. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Marion County PO Box 4860 Ocala, FI 34478.

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Sal and I were saddened to learn of Shirley's passing. We will always remember her with warm feelings. She was a wonderful woman and a joy to be with. We know your precious memories will help you through the difficult times. Sincerely and with love, Judy (Sal) Ronci*

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**Judy Ronci** - January 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Shirley Kent was once married to my father-in-law, George, who passed some years ago, so I always considered her as family, in fact a mother-in-law who any man would be lucky to have. My daughters called her Nana Shirley. She was a gentle, caring person who carried herself with grace, and loved her wonderful family and many friends without bounds. I'll always fondly remember her for her hospitality--she always opened her doors for my family, whather it was for wonderful vacation weeks in her North Carolina cabin, her weekend family home in the Florida Keys, or in Ocala with her husband Bob. She had a big heart, a wonderful sense of humor, a sweet disposition, and inspiring faith and strength. I'll miss her very much. Mike Conner*

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**mike conner** - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Nana Shirley spoke positively despite her fatigue last Monday evening when I called her from the west coast later than I realized. Her strength amazed me. I feel grateful that she held sleep at bay a few moments in order to speak with me. Bob held a hope in his words that made me confident that she was in the best of hands. I'm glad I had the chance to speak to her one last time, to have said "I love you" to a woman who has been a part of my life since it's inception. It got me thinking however, of how time passes without much fanfare until one day you realize you haven't seen or spoken to someone for years. That we must try to remember to take the time to reach out to those in our lives who are furthest away, before time slips by forever. I am so thankful that I got to say "I love you" once more. That despite not making it to Florida sooner, she knows my heart is with her.

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**Michelle Conner** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM