Shirley Ann Garvis Ellis

July 15, 1933 – November 13, 2019



Shirley A. Ellis, 86, formerly of Independence, MO, passed away on November 13th, 2019. A visitation held on November 20th with a funeral service followed both at Speaks Suburban Chapel, Independence, MO. Interment followed at Oak Ridge Memory Gardens in Independence.

Shirley was born on July 15, 1933, in Jefferson, SD to Ira and Nellie Garvis. She graduated from the South Dakota School of the Deaf in 1950, where she also met her beloved husband, Bob L. Ellis, Sr.



Shirley retired from Percy Kent Bag Company in Kansas City and she also remained active in the Deaf Community. She was passionate about sewing, quilting and traveling to destinations all over the world.

She is preceded in death by husband, Bob L. Ellis, Sr.; parents and sister, Jean Mae Holten. She is survived by son Bobbie Ellis, Jr. of Cottage Grove, OR, daughter Rebecca (Gene) Napier of Leawood, KS, son Rick (Sandy) Ellis of Independence, MO, daughter Deanna (Tom) Zart of Lenexa, KS, son Gary (Cindy) Ellis of Blue Springs, MO; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; sister, Nelette (Steve) Cochran of Ames, IA and brother, Jerry Garvis, of Spencer, IA.

Due to Shirley's love of her cat, contributions may be made to a pet rescue of your choice.

