



## Shirley Ann Berfanger

July 2, 1937 - January 29, 2025

Shirley Ann Berfanger, 87, of New Castle, Indiana, went home to be with the Lord on the evening of Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at Stonebrooke Rehabilitation Center in New Castle.

She was born on July 2, 1937, at home in Murfreesboro, Arkansas, the daughter of the late William Itha and Bertha Viola (Phillips) Hicks.

Shirley graduated from Norman High School in Norman, Arkansas in 1955. She later traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana and worked for several companies. During this time, she met James Paul Berfanger at Lake Central Airlines, and they were married at Lynhurst Baptist Church in Indianapolis on August 30, 1957.

In 1965 they moved to New Castle and most recently she was an active member of the Cross Road Church and served in several different ministries. She was always ready to help other churches or families in need of dinners for family funerals.

Those left to cherish Shirley's memory include two daughters, Terri M. (Jamey) Marcum of New Castle and Vicki L. Ankersen (Mark Day) of Carmel; five grandchildren, Keith (Eliza) Marcum, Alyssa Marcum (Bryan Harrison), Jennifer Steele (Hugo Sancen), Stine Ankersen (James Records) and Naya

Ankersen (Patrick Stark); three great-grandchildren, Gwen Marcum, Fiona Marcum, Benji Sancen and a number of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, James P. "Jim" Berfanger; three sisters, Faye Elaine (Olen) Robbins, Alice Marie (Winfred) Hart, and Helen (Joe) Hays; a brother, Glenn Harold Hicks.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm, Monday February 3, 2025 at Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle with Pastor Danny Douglas officiating. Burial will follow in St. Anne Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 12 – 1 pm prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be offered with Choose Henry Flex Fund through the Henry County Community Foundation, envelopes will be available at the funeral home or you can make a contribution through, [www/henrycountycf.org](http://www/henrycountycf.org)

You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Shirley Berfanger.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Anne Catholic Cemetery

271 W. County Road 50 N.  
New Castle, IN 47362

# Previous Events

## Funeral

FEB 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr.  
New Castle, IN 47362

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Shirley Ann Berfanger*



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**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - February 03, 2025 at 08:43 AM

RH

*I could not find the zoom connection for this funeral on the website*

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**richard hart** - February 03, 2025 at 07:16 PM

TS

*Hi Richard, unfortunately our funeral home and most of New Castle was without internet most of yesterday and therefore was not able to live stream the service. We uploaded the service last evening and it is shown below. We are sorry for any inconvenience. Tom Sproles*

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**Tom Sproles** - February 04, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Service*



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**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - February 03, 2025 at 05:31 PM

DB

“ I first met Aunt Shirley when Uncle Joe was in New Castle for a visit. Pat's mom, Mary Jane, was also present at the house on Midway. It was a large crowd with delicious food. From then on, Pat and I were included in many family get-togethers. A memory that stands out was one Thanksgiving when the kitchen on Midway was being remodeled. Aunt Shirley served her usual gigantic Thanksgiving dinner *WITHOUT A KITCHEN SINK!* That really impressed me!

*After Pat's and my parents died, Aunt Shirley made sure to include us in holiday gatherings, something we greatly appreciated and enjoyed. After I retired and was able to visit Aunt Shirley during the week, we went out for many breakfasts and lunches. We liked to discuss gardening and recipes and taking field trips to antique and Amish stores.*

*I miss spending time with her, and she will be greatly missed.*  
*Debbie Bruce*

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**Debbie Bruce** - February 03, 2025 at 11:24 AM

KB

“ *Katie Lester and Holly Brooks purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Shirley Ann Berfanger.*

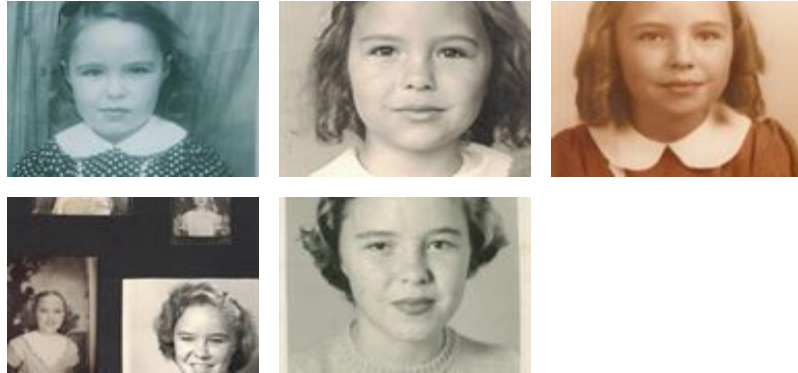


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**Katie Lester and Holly Brooks** - February 02, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ 101 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - February 02, 2025 at 05:53 PM

TF

“ *The Angle Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Shirley Ann Berfanger.*



**The Angle Family** - February 01, 2025 at 07:07 PM

JF

“ *JACK DAY & FAMILY purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Shirley Ann Berfanger.*



**JACK DAY & FAMILY** - February 01, 2025 at 04:36 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Berfanger.*



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January 31, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Berfanger.*



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January 31, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Berfanger.*



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January 31, 2025 at 09:44 AM