



Shirley Butler Sehnke

August 4, 1957 - February 21, 2026

Shirley Butler Sehnke, 68, of Darlington, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 21, 2026.

She will be remembered for a joyful spirit, a generous heart, and the simple pleasures that made life beautiful. A devoted bingo enthusiast, Shirley rarely missed a chance to gather with friends, share a laugh, and hope for that lucky number. Bingo nights weren't just a game—they were a time of friendship, excitement, and community.

At home, Shirley took great pride in decorating the yard, transforming it with seasonal displays that brought smiles to neighbors and passersby alike. Whether it was twinkling lights, festive holiday scenes, or cheerful summer touches, her creativity and care made the home a welcoming and joyful place. One of Shirley's greatest delights was feeding hummingbirds. With patience and wonder, she would watch them flutter and hover, finding peace in their delicate beauty. The sight of hummingbirds dancing around the feeders will forever remind loved ones of her gentle spirit and appreciation for life's small miracles.

Above all, Shirley cherished family and friends. She leaves behind her husband, Ron; her step-son, Brian; her grandchildren, Brittany, Jade and Lauren; her aunts, Sandy (Tommy) Humphries, and Bobbie Jean Blackmon; her sisters, Mona, Rose and Donna Jean; her brother, James; her great niece whom she called her baby, Aliza; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins, who will carry forward the love, kindness, and traditions she shared so freely.

Shirley was preceded in death by her son, Michael.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, February 27, 2026 at 3 PM in the Thomas C. Kistler Memorial Chapel with the Reverend Kendall Williams officiating. Burial will follow in Grove Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends beginning at 2 PM on Friday, February 27, 2026 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to honor Shirley's memory by playing a game of bingo, decorating your home with something that makes you smile, or putting out a feeder for the hummingbirds.

Shirley's life was a reminder to celebrate often, decorate boldly, and pause long enough to watch the hummingbirds. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

The Directors of Kistler Hardee Funeral Home are honored to be serving the family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 27. 3:00 PM (Est)

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Tribute Wall

GF

“ *GODWIN FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Shirley Butler Sehnke*



GODWIN FAMILY - February 28 at 07:04 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Small lit a candle in memory of Shirley Butler Sehnke*



Barbara Small - February 26 at 09:04 PM

SG

“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and Prayers are with you all. 🙏*



Sonya Garris Gandy - February 26 at 01:13 AM

SB

“ *Susan Kirven Booker lit a candle in memory of Shirley Butler Sehnke*



Susan Kirven Booker - February 25 at 05:40 PM

CW

“ Shirley was the kind of friend whose presence made life feel lighter. Her warm, outgoing nature drew people in, and her kindness made them feel at home. She opened her doors—and her heart— many times, offering comfort, laughter, and a place where everyone always felt welcome.



We shared moments of faith as well, sitting in church, where her gentle spirit and sincerity shone brightly. Those memories are treasures I will carry with me always.

Shirley will be remembered with deep love. Her generosity, her friendship, and the joy she brought into the lives of others will continue to live on in every heart she touched.

May her memory be a blessing.

Carolyn Williamson - February 25 at 01:20 PM

RC

“ Ruth(Missy) Carey purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Shirley Butler Sehnke.



Ruth(Missy) Carey - February 25 at 01:10 PM