



## Mary Katherine (Brown) Shiek

April 24, 1926 - May 28, 2024

Mary Katherine Shiek, 98, of Spruce Creek South in Summerfield, FL passed from this life peacefully into the loving arms of her Heavenly Father on May 28, 2024. She passed away at home with her family and friends around her after several months battle with afib and congestive heart failure. She was the beautiful daughter of William Asa Brown and Idoma (Ida) Poteet Brown.

Mary was introduced to her husband (George Frank Shiek) of more than 50 years by family members while he was serving in the Army Dental Corp. Married February 11, 1955, they lived in St. Louis until moving to Orlando, Florida in 1982, then to Spruce Creek South in 2000. During their marriage George was stationed in St. Louis, Panama, Japan, Germany, and even San Antonio, TX. During that time Mary managed privately owned and Best Western motels, then purchased her own (the Mary Kay) and ran that business until she retired and moved to Orlando. In Orlando she worked with George to run his Shiek Dental Lab until they retired. George predeceased her in 2005.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Marlene Kay Winters, Grandson, Matthew Ray Winters, son-in-law Kurt William Gampp, Sr., numerous truly beloved nieces and nephews who will remember her as "Aunt and Great Aunt Mary." She was, and will be remembered as a strong woman who always carried herself with grace, warmth, and dignity. She was entirely devoted to

her large extended family, and was a selfless servant who often quietly helped the family in whatever was needed.

Mary was born in Imboden, Arkansas, and raised on a small farm as the youngest of eight children of 4 boys (Carlos Brown, Luther Brown, Irelan Brown, and Albert Glen Brown) and 4 girls (Lola Russell, Dola Dailey, Lula Mae Childers, and Mary as the youngest child). She is predeceased by each of them. She said her long life could be primarily contributed to the healthy food her parents raised and grew — cows, chickens, beehives, apple and peach orchards and vegetables of all kinds that were canned by the hundreds.

She loved to travel on her own and with Best Western motel friends. Most often traveling with her daughter, they visited a large portion of the world, having hundreds of adventures and subsequent fun tales to tell.

Mary was passionate about art and has been a Life Member of the Artist League of Orlando for many years. She participated in numerous art exhibits working primarily in water color, and also in craft shows of all kinds.

Mary loved reading, anything and everything from novels to the newspaper cover to cover every day starting with the sports section. She was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan all her life, attending games as often as possible while living in St. Louis. She loved all kinds of music but especially Elvis and Country Western.

She was a wonderful southern cook, and passed recipes to several published cook books. Her cuisine was pure comfort food. She loved working in her yard raising vegetables to cook, as well as flowers of all kinds.

Mary loved and spoiled her lifelong companions of several poodles named Disco, Sammy, Sami, and Touche, and a cat named Stegen. Her pets are buried together in the Lone Oak Pet Cemetery in Leesburg.

She was and is Mary, Mother, Grandma, Aunt. We will miss her beyond

measure and continue to honor and love her legacy. She was an incredible woman.

The funeral service will be held on June 11, 2024 at 11:00 am at Beyers Funeral Home, 134 North Hwy 27/441, Lady Lake, FL 32159. Gathering will be held prior to the funeral from 10:00 am until the hour of the service at the funeral home.

Mary will be inurned in Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida with her predeceased husband George, at a later date with just the family present.

Online condolences may be shared by visiting [beyersfuneralhome.com](http://beyersfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Cornerstone Hospice Foundation, in the memory of Mary Shiek, in any of three ways:

Online: [donate.cshospice.org](http://donate.cshospice.org). Make note it is to go to the green team.

Check: Payable to Cornerstone Hospice Foundation, mail to 2445 Lane Park Rd., Tavares, FL 32778. Make note it is to go to the green team.

Call: 352-742-6861 and ask for Brenda. Tell her it is to go to the green team.

Our family extends a heartfelt Thank You to the entire staff at Cornerstone Hospice, including nurses especially Katherine Dykes, CNA Nicole Duncan, Chaplain Chris Copher, Social Worker Sheila Jones, and the Supportive Care end-of-life Unit including Kathy Smith, Renee Jones, and Belinda Grescher. To around-the-clock friend and neighbor caregivers who have been with her since January of this year serving her as God's angel surrogates including Deborah Nodal, Dian Jarvis, Barbara West, and Ayben Besler, to Concierge Care and their caregivers especially Monica Horskin and Trissanna Brown, and finally to Beyers Funeral Home's entire staff for their loving care of Mother and our family. We are thankful for their kindness, dedication, support and love. Arrangements are entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at [www.beyersfuneralhome.com](http://www.beyersfuneralhome.com).



# Previous Events

## Gathering

JUN 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Lady Lake  
134 N US Highway 441  
Lady Lake, FL 32159  
(352) 753-4444

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Katherine (Brown) Shiek*



**Beyers Funeral Home** - June 06, 2024 at 04:45 PM

DR

*Great video showing how loved she was by so many of her caregivers and friends.*

**Diane Rose** - June 13, 2024 at 04:42 PM

MO

*I miss you soooo much I think mod u often n kno ur watchin over us all I love u Mrs Mary...  
caregiver Monica*

**monica** - June 20, 2024 at 05:44 PM

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**monica** - June 20, 2024 at 05:44 PM

FR

“ *My condolences go out to Mary’s loving family. I was blessed to have Mary for a friend and we shared many special moments together. She was the most caring person I have ever met. She was an inspiration to me in watercolor techniques, as she was an accomplished painter and we enjoyed visiting art shows together. I will miss the special times we spent together, but will cherish those memories.*

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**Frances Beverly Rodner** - June 12, 2024 at 04:22 PM

DR

“ *Memories of a beautiful Aunt and best friend will always be special to me. Thank you Lord for sharing Mary with us for so many years. She will be missed . Till we meet again. Love Diane Rose*

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**Diane Rose** - June 11, 2024 at 10:14 AM

KD

“ *It was such an honor and a pleasure to care for Mary through Cornerstone Hospice. Mary was such a beautiful person inside and out, and I will never forget her nor her sweet family!*

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**Katherine Dykes** - June 05, 2024 at 09:45 PM

DJ

“ I am totally blessed by the opportunity to have been 1 of the caregiver's to attend to Mary during the past few months. It was truly a joy to be with her during her final months of life here and before she made her final journey to our Heavenly Father.



I thank you Kay for this time you entrusted Mary to the care of your caregivers. I send my deepest condolences and love to you, Matthew, Kurt, and your extended family during this grieving process.

My love to you all...  
Dian Jarvis

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**Dian Jarvis** - June 03, 2024 at 01:48 PM

RK

Mary is my great Aunt. She is special!!! One in a million. She has a beauty and grace that was obvious to anyone who knew her. She loves animals. She is always her true self. And her relationship with her daughter Kay was remarkable and so loving. Now she is in the loving embrace of all the loved ones that went before her and will be greatly missed by all that are left behind.  
Ramonda Joe Kraft

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**Ramonda Kraft** - June 03, 2024 at 03:33 PM