



Mrs. Shirley Priscilla Slater

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Shirley Priscilla Slater, age 97, passed away on February 27, 2018. She is preceded in death by her husband J. Thomas Slater, daughter Frances Slater and grandsons David Murphy and Daniel Slater; daughter in-law Laura Slater. She is survived by her children Eileen Paquette, Virginia Galvan, Donald Slater, Barbara McEwen, Katheryn Telly and Stella Rogers; daughter in-law Rosie Slater; 9 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren.

Shirley Slater was born in Vermont and raised in Connecticut, one of nine children. Being the oldest girl she was always expected to help in garden and with the other kids. Shirley was blessed in first marriage with a beautiful daughter. Her second marriage to J. Thomas Slater of 43 years produced 6 more wonderful children five girls and one boy.

Shirley always worked in the home and loved to crochet, she was always making Afghans, scarves and slippers for her children and grandkids. A good book was never far away and the offer of a card game around the kitchen table always got a yes. Who will ever forget all the summers mom had a garden out back, or when she would take us to pick berries. Seems mom was always supervising while we pulled weeds and picked the berries. When it came to fun she was all in, wither it was to go with Tom in the Cessna to the fly- in's, hit the Casino, summers in Connecticut with Aunt Dot, Bunny & Sandy, trips to Louisiana or time at the lake. She loved picnics with the family or having everyone over to swim in the pool. If there was fun to be had she was packed and ready to go.

Shirley loved to be the center of attention; she was our very own Disney Princess. She loved to go to the Disney, Cedar Point, or any amusement park with the kids. She loved spending time with her family and couldn't wait to see the grandkids, and looked forward to the family reunion each year. Shirley loved the boys and nothing was more fun than hugging all the handsome men around her. All her parties, as she



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got older were princesses themed; and she always enjoyed playing princess to the hilt.

In Shirley's last few years she looked forward to sitting in the sun, feeding the squirrels, watching the birds and being taken for a walk or going out to eat with her kids and grandkids. She always ate soup or crapes, even when she wasn't hungry she still had room for a blizzard or chocolate. Cards and letters received from the family was always the highlight of her day.

Shirley brought so much to our lives she will be dearly missed and always remembered!!!!

A visitation will be held at Memorial Park Funeral Home on Saturday, March 3rd from 2-4pm with a service to follow at 4pm.




Events


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Visitation

 **Saturday**, March 3, 2018


 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET


 **Memorial Park Funeral Home and Crematory**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



Funeral Service


 **Saturday**, March 3, 2018


 4:00 PM ET

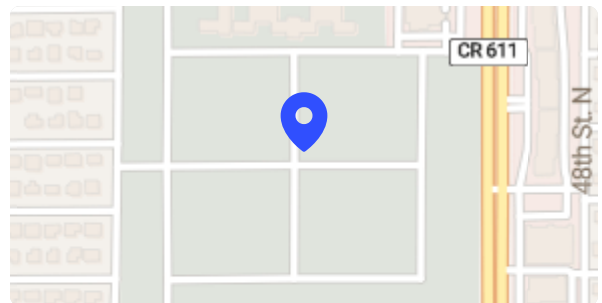
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Cemetery Details

 **Memorial Park Cemetery**
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 **(727) 369-8228**





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Memorial Park Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



March 2 at 11:49 AM



Barb Mcewen posted:

My mother was an amazing, demanding, loving person. She raised all us kids (we were not easy!), loved her family, was VERY proud of her grand and great grand children, and ALWAYS wanted to be the "belle of the ball" getting the most attention. I will miss our times at the cottage, traveling with her, and most of all just knowing she was there no matter what. I will miss her love every day for the rest of my life, but know she is "doing her thing" in a better place with those who went before her. What a reunion they must be having!

March 5 at 1:53 AM



Barbara Machnis posted:

I have known ma Slater since I was in high school (not that long ago) .She certainly was a force to be reckoned with back then. In later years my girls called her grandma. I always politely asked for new handmade sleepers.

March 2 at 7:15 PM



Melisa Moussa posted:

I always enjoyed seeing Grandma Slater, especially when she and Luca (my daughter) would talk about Disney princesses!Or the time I took her to the dentist and helped her fill out the questionnaire... a few questions asked about climbing stairs or walking far distance... she told not to worry she would do those things if there was a good looking man at the end!!!She will be dearly missed!

March 2 at 7:11 PM



Michael Willhite posted:

I will always remember her dancing in the bar at the clam shack.. always a smile and a kind word ,she will be missed

March 2 at 2:45 PM



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Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Slater family.



March 2 at 1:58 PM



Hays Clark posted:

In 1985 Ma Slater moved to Florida and I got one of many of the worlds best hugs from her when we met. Ma loved to laugh, to stitch with love slippers most of all and family. Once I met her she was instantly Ma to me. I know how happy it made her to see Tammy and her boys and then to see her family of love continue to grow and flourish. We are all blessed to have held her tight, shared a laugh and gotten some wisdom. Top of the world Ma!!! Love you!

March 2 at 12:21 PM



Bunnie Gagliardi posted:

So sorry for your loss. She was our favorite Aunt. We have so many great memories of her. She will always be our hearts. Love, Sympathy and Tears from CT, Sandi, Bunnie & A.J.

March 1 at 3:41 PM



Anonymous sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Slater family.



March 1 at 3:31 PM



Media

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Join us in honoring Shirley by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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