



Vivian Shirley Jefferson

February 16, 1931 - September 10, 2025

Vivian Shirley Jefferson, 94, of Summerville, SC, previously of Virginia, died peacefully on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at The Village at Summerville surrounded by her loving family. She was married to the late Napoleon Astor "Jeff" Jefferson.

Shirley was a firecracker, full of life and energy. Although small in stature, her personality filled the room. She never met a stranger - she loved talking to people and finding out about their lives. Her family and friends will miss her kind and uplifting nature, her spunkiness, her love of singing and dancing and painting and her quick wittedness and propensity to laugh and have fun.

She was born February 16, 1931 in Roanoke, a daughter of the late Layton Ray Wills and Emma Pearl Allison. She was predeceased by her brother, Billy Wills, and her sister, Patty Gail Tadey. She was a member of Altavista Presbyterian Church and an employee of Lynchburg Secretarial Service. Her main focus was always on her family; she was an outstanding homemaker.

She is survived by one son, Michael Ray Jefferson of Salem; one daughter, Lorna Gail Roberts and her husband, Bruce of Charleston, SC; two grandchildren, Robert Kinard and Erin Kinard, and two step-grandchildren, Heather Arthur and Holly Acanfora.

A funeral service will be conducted at 12:00 p.m., Thursday, September 18, 2025 at Finch & Finch Chapel, Altavista by the Rev. Brady Willis with interment to follow in Altavista Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends beginning one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

The family suggests that those wishing to make a memorial in her honor consider The Village at Summerville, 201 W 9th North St., Summerville, SC 29483 or Agape Care (Hospice), 201 Sigma Dr., Suite 130B, Summerville, SC 29486.

Cemetery Details

Altavista Memorial Park

642 Wards Road
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 18. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Funeral Service

SEP 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall



“ Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Vivian Shirley Jefferson



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - September 18, 2025 at 08:29 AM



“ Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Vivian Shirley Jefferson



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - September 16, 2025 at 09:11 AM

RD

“ Shirley was a wonderful person and neighbor. I grew up in Gladys not much more than a mile away. She was always cheerful, loving and a neighborhood mom to all of us kids. Halloween was splendid as a child and Shirley was a big part of making it that much more special. Rest easy sweet Shirley. We all love you dearly ❤️ .



Robyn Denton - October 08, 2025 at 11:52 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - September 19, 2025 at 04:28 PM

BT

“ *Lorna,
My most sincere condolences to you and your family upon the passing of your dear mother. I never met her but enjoyed looking at the pictures posted here. You and your brother favor her a lot. I know you miss her and have lots of wonderful memories to keep her in your heart.*

Becky Rosser Thomas - September 18, 2025 at 01:04 PM

JD

“ *I remember Shirley from working at Kent and Kent. She was the sweetest lady and always made me laugh. She was such a joy and when she'd come in the office it was like a ray of sunshine. RIP my friend and prayers go out to her family.*



Jean Dalton - September 17, 2025 at 08:37 AM

MS

“ Shirley was my dear friend for over 20 years. At first meeting we lived across the street from each other and one day we were in our yards and she was sad about her Mother and I said come on over here, we need to talk. That day started a deep bond of sisterhood. We shared happy times and sad times in life and she was my anchor especially when Melvin Sr. died. Over the years she gave me so many wonderful books that she always would know I needed at the time. And her beautiful cards I will always treasure with her pretty handwritten touching words of wisdom. But the laughter we shared (the deep down belly laughs) will always keep my heart warm. Rest easy my sweet Shirley, you were loved!! And when I think of you I will try to be the the things I loved most about you. <3

Marilyn Shelton - September 16, 2025 at 11:13 PM

JS

“ My husband and I loved dear Shirley!!! Always smiling and fun to be with and full of joy and humor. We missed her presence at Altavista Presbyterian Church when she moved away. Love and God's blessings to her dear family!!!

Jeannie Smith - September 16, 2025 at 07:13 PM

CF

“ Christine France and family. purchased the Full O f Love Bouquet for the family of Vivian Shirley Jefferson.



Christine France and family. - September 16, 2025 at 06:46 PM

SH

“ *The sweetest lady no earth. My kids loved to go and visit Shirley. Will always remember her beautiful smile.*

Sandy Haywood - September 16, 2025 at 02:01 PM

MS

“ *Marilyn Shelton lit a candle in memory of Vivian Shirley Jefferson*



Marilyn Shelton - September 16, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ *Shirley was so full of life and was an absolute joy to be around. Many wonderful times with my sweet little "Emmy Lou"! The laughter we shared will forever be treasured in my heart.. She was a bright light in this somewhat dark world.. Rest in peace with the Angels in Gloryland!*



Ralph Woods - September 16, 2025 at 12:57 PM

KW

“ *Kathy Walker lit a candle in memory of Vivian Shirley Jefferson*



Kathy Walker - September 16, 2025 at 12:51 PM

BH

“ Betty Hunley lit a candle in memory of Vivian Shirley Jefferson



Betty Hunley - September 16, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vivian Shirley Jefferson.



September 16, 2025 at 09:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vivian Shirley Jefferson.

September 16, 2025 at 09:58 AM

LM

“ Shirley was my mentor in life. Her relationship with our Lord & Savior led me to my salvation & I will forever be grateful to her... RIP my sweet & loving friend 🙏

Lynn Mellott - September 16, 2025 at 08:15 AM

MC

“ 3 files added to the album Shirley



Maureen C - September 15, 2025 at 11:55 PM

MC

“ While a little flame went out on the day Shirley left for Heaven, she left behind a really warm and special place in the hearts of all she knew and loved

Maureen C - September 15, 2025 at 11:49 PM