



## Shirley Jean Alex

October 20, 1932 - August 10, 2023

Portsmouth – Shirley Jean Alex, affectionately known as Yiayia, 90, passed away on Thursday, August 10, 2023 with family at her side.

She was born in Portsmouth on October 20, 1932 a daughter of the late John Crowley and Alice (Connelly) Crowley. Raised in Portsmouth, she graduated from Portsmouth High School with the Class of 1950.

First and foremost Shirley was a single mother and the glue that held her family together through thick and thin. She also worked as the manager for the Great Bay School Thrift Shop and later as a home health aide for Area Homemakers.

Shirley enjoyed reading, spending time at the beach; especially Wallis Sands, BINGO, scratch tickets and attending the infamous Kathy Ball parties. Shirley always took great pleasure in making her sons their favorite dinners on their birthdays, but her greatest joy was her grandchildren.

Surviving family members include her three sons, Bill Alex and his wife Sharon of Rochester, Chris Alexandropoulos and his wife Lisa of Epping, Tony Alex and his wife Leslie of Dover; eight grandchildren and several great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and her special friends Linda and Ann.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sisters, Dorothy (Crowley) Richards and Evelyn (Crowley) Foley; grandsons, William Alex, Jr. and Joshua Alex and special friends, Kathy, Terry and Vicky.

All Service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donation may be made in Shirley's name to New Generations, Inc., 568 Portsmouth Avenue, Greenland, NH 03840 or online by clicking here (<https://www.newgennh.org>).

# Tribute Wall

RF

“ I am saddened by the news , Shirley was very special to me, a second mom for the past 24 yrs, she was a dear friend of my mom's. ( lucille)  
I moved away a year ago , came home in June & visited her all 3 days I was home in edgewood.. my deepest condolences to the family....

Richard Froehling - August 26, 2023 at 01:20 PM

DU

“ To Chris, Lisa and the Alex Family we send our deepest condolences on the loss of your Mom. Know you are in our thoughts and prayers. George and Judy Dufour.

Dufours - August 25, 2023 at 04:13 PM

LH

“ Lenny & Bonnie Hackett lit a candle in memory of Shirley Jean Alex



Lenny & Bonnie Hackett - August 23, 2023 at 10:50 AM

CG

“ Consider yourself blessed if you had the opportunity to know this wonderful woman. She was amazing and left a positive legacy.

Cathie and Tony Gallo



Cathie and Tony Gallo - August 23, 2023 at 04:47 AM

KR

*Growing up, I have great memories of my Aunt Shirley ❤️. She loved to tease me. She had a caring & loving ❤️. She would always bring myself & my 2 brothers small brown bags with penny candy!! So exciting when Aunt Shirley came over. You will missed!😭  
Some day we will see each other in Heaven. My heart & prayers to all her relatives & friends 🙏❤️  
Kathy Kostreles Rizzo*

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**Kathleen Rizzo** - October 03, 2023 at 06:01 PM

PB

“ *Pat Bower lit a candle in memory of Shirley Jean Alex*



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**Pat Bower** - August 22, 2023 at 10:24 PM

AN

“ *Shirley was a long time and cherished friend. We would visit her at GB thrift shop almost every Saturday, shared many laughs at Kathy's, many hours of cribbage (which she almost always won). Her and I spent many a night together prowling the town and she stood by my side at the most special time of my life. I am so happy that we reconnected the last several months and had many laughs reminiscing. I will miss her, and know she is at peace...till we meet again....Love ya Shirley ..."Mona"*

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**Ann** - August 21, 2023 at 09:38 PM