



## Shirley Graham Ouzts

April 10, 1930 - September 23, 2020

Shirley Graham Ouzts, 90, of Midland, Texas passed away on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland, Texas.


Shirley was born on April 10, 1930 to Carl and Ondiene (Shirley) Graham in West Leechburg, Pennsylvania. Shirley was raised on the family farm in West Leechburg and with her grandfather Shirley's guidance she was instilled with a strong work ethic and appreciation for hard work. Shirley graduated in 1948 from Leechburg High School in Pennsylvania.

Shirley loved being a full-time mother, but had to enter the workforce to help support the family. Shirley worked in retail sales during much of her adult life and was proud of the various jobs that she held in that capacity. She worked full-time for a combined 21 years at Sears and Foleys and retired from Sears in Midland, Texas in 1987. After retirement, she was a full-time grandmother, a job she filled with selfless dedication and love. In 1999, she returned to work part-time at Stein Mart in Midland, Texas until 2006. Shirley was a special mother, grandmother, aunt, mother-in-law and friend. She enjoyed her hobby of oil painting for many years, was a follower of politics, loved gardening and cooking. Shirley was a beloved guest in Tip and Brenda Kirwan's home from 2007 to 2019 and the family will cherish her memory. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church for many years.

The family is grateful for the excellent care provided the past year by Dr. Vogel and Manor Park.

She is survived by three children, William S. "Bill" Ouzts (Diane), Corinne "Missy" Preston, and Brenda (Tip) Kirwan; three grandchildren, William S. Ouzts, Jr. (Sarah), Thomas Taylor Kirwan (Faith), and Alexander Browne; and her nephew, Chris Carnahan (Suzy).

She is preceded in death by her beloved grandparents, William C. "Bill" and Bertha Shirley; her mother, Ondiene (Shirley) Graham-Corne'; father, Carl Leroy Graham and step-mother, Lucy Gilchrist Graham; one sister, Jane Carnahan and her brother-in-law, John; and the father of her children, William R. Ouzts, Jr.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 from 10:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m. at American Heritage Funeral Home in Midland, TX.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at American Heritage Funeral Home with Robert Pase of Grace Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow at American Heritage Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Baumann Scholarship Fund at Grace Lutheran Church, Midland, Texas.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery|Funeral Home|Crematory.

# Cemetery Details

## American Heritage Cemetery

4100 North FM 1788  
Midland, TX 79707  
(432) 563-9767  
info@thehealingstartshere.com  
<https://thehealingstartshere.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

American Heritage Funeral Home & Crematory  
4100 North FM 1788  
Midland, TX 79707

## Funeral

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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4100 North FM 1788  
Midland, TX 79707

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OCT 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

American Heritage Funeral Home & Crematory PAVILLION  
4100 North FM 1788  
Midland, TX 79707

# Tribute Wall



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David Cole - October 08, 2020 at 01:12 PM

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*So sad that she's gone home to be with the Lord but we will see her again in heaven and she will be well and happy love you guys she was so sweet to me as I'm am sure she was with lots of others.*

Nettie Andrrson - October 09, 2020 at 11:25 AM

BK

*You were really sweet, that was quite a time!!*

Brenda K. - October 12, 2020 at 03:53 PM



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David Cole - October 08, 2020 at 01:11 PM

JK

*RIP Mrs Ouzts God bless you*

john kirwan - October 08, 2020 at 10:01 PM

BK

*Thank you!*

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**Brenda K.** - October 12, 2020 at 03:51 PM

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“ *Shirley was my Mother-in-law but more importantly, she was a good friend. I'll always have a special place in my heart for her. She will greatly missed.*

*Diane Ouzts*

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**Diane Ouzts** - September 28, 2020 at 09:54 AM

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*Praying for you Brenda and Tip. God Bless her kind heart!*

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**Nash Dowdle** - October 06, 2020 at 04:57 PM

BK

*You have been a great family friend, you have always been there for us. We missed you doing the ding though!*

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**Brenda K.** - October 12, 2020 at 03:55 PM