



Shirley Jean Dodge

August 21, 1954 - April 27, 2023

Shirley Jean Dodge Schakel, 68, of Virginia Beach, VA, Joined the Lord on April 27, 2023. Born August 21, 1954 in Columbus, Ohio, she was the daughter of James and Effie (Twiford) Helmick. Shirley is survived by son Ricky (Melanie) Dodge of Virginia Beach, VA, and daughter Crystal Ventling of Portsmouth, VA; grandchildren Christopher Dodge of Portsmouth, VA and America Dodge of Virginia Beach, VA; great-grandson Marcellus Dodge of Portsmouth, VA; Children's father Ricky Dodge of Portsmouth, VA; sisters Sheri (Larry) Gautreaux and Vicki (Ryan) Gilliam all of Virginia Beach, VA; brother Mike Helmick of Chesapeake, VA, along with several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Shirley was predeceased by her husband of 19 years John Schakel, brothers Jim and Allen Helmick. Shirley loved her family and enjoyed watching America grow. She enjoyed her weekends playing Bingo.

Tribute Wall



“ *The love she had for her granddaughter from the first time she held her to the very last kiss.* ”



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