



Shirley Gilreath Merck

March 31, 1927 - November 1, 2025

Shirley Gilreath Merck, 88, wife of the late Joseph P. Merck, passed away Saturday, November 01, 2025, at NHC in Anderson.

Born in Greenville County, she was the daughter of the late Doctor James and Flora Bell Cox Gilreath. She was a member of Northwest Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son: James E.(Ed) Merck(Sherri); brothers: Melvin Gilreath(Brenda), Joe Hardin Gilreath, Ansel Gilreath(Meri); Grandchildren: Ashley Jones(Jeremy), Corey Merck(Haley); and one great-grandchild.

Along with her parents and husband she was predeceased by brothers: Johnnie Gilreath, Gaston Gilreath and Nelson Gilreath.

The family will have a private graveside service.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Northwest Baptist Church, P.O. Box 814 Travelers Rest, SC 29690.

The family would like to thank the staff of NHC Healthcare Anderson for their love and care of Shirley.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Memorial Park

7 Duncan Rd
Travelers Rest, SC 29690
(864) 834-3184

Previous Events

Private Service

NOV 4 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ Merck/Gilreath Family: I have so many fond memories of Shirley (and Joe), it would take me days to tell them all. I know she loved her family dearly and will be missed. Know that you all are in my prayers. With love and deep sympathy, Cyndi Stake

Cynthia Stake - November 07, 2025 at 10:11 AM

GT

“ Ed, it has been years since we have seen each other, but I recognized your mom's name as soon as I saw it. So sorry for your loss. Gregg Duncan (now Tomlinson)

Gregg Duncan Tomlinson - November 04, 2025 at 08:52 PM

LF

“ Love, Jason & Brandy Wood and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shirley Gilreath Merck.



Love, Jason & Brandy Wood and family - November 02, 2025 at 11:48 PM

JW

“ Sorry about your mother Ed. Love, Johnny and Kathryn Wallace



johnny and kathryn wallace - November 02, 2025 at 08:27 PM

RH

“ Randy Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Shirley Merck



Randy Hawkins - November 01, 2025 at 08:35 PM

LG

“ Melvin and Brenda and family so sorry for your loss. Shirley was a very Special person I remember John and I worked with her at EmTex she will surely be missed. praying for you all 🙏🙏🙏🙏.



Linda & John Galloway - November 01, 2025 at 08:23 PM

TW

“ Tony Sorrentino & Elena Williams purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Shirley Gilreath Merck.



Tony Sorrentino & Elena Williams - November 01, 2025 at 06:54 PM