



## Mrs. Shirley Jo Hughes

July 30, 1935 - November 13, 2021

Shirley Jo Tapper Hughes, 86, was called home Saturday after a brief hospital stay. Funeral services will be 12:30 p.m. Thursday, November 18, 2021 at LeCompte Johnson Taylor Funeral Home. Visitation Wednesday 5-8 p.m., and Thursday 10 a.m. to service time. Services will be held jointly with her husband, Wade Hughes.

Born in West Frankfort, IL to Claude and Lola Parritt, her family moved to Hammond, Indiana, where she graduated from Hammond Tech High School and attended the First Assembly of God church. Later, Shirley married Robert L. Tapper, (deceased), and they raised four sons, Doug, Mike, David and Mark, while living in Griffith and Hammond, Indiana. Shirley was a homemaker and greatly involved with her sons during their school years, serving as the “picture lady” introducing young people to great art.

Shirley was an avid reader, always interested in art, music, and history. She moved to Kentucky and briefly worked in retail and loved her job as a docent for the Orlando Brown House. In 1998, she married the Reverend Wade M. Hughes. Shirley and Wade loved art, music, history and building. They traveled and collected treasures for many years. Their final days were spent in the same hospital room with Wade passing away just hours before her.

In addition to her husband, Wade M. Hughes, Shirley is preceded in death by parents Claude and Lola Parritt, her first husband, Robert L. Tapper, son J. Michael (Eileen) Tapper and brother, Jerry Parritt.

She is survived by her sons Doug (Debbie) Tapper of Cass Lake, MN, David

(Paulette) Tapper of Hammond, IN and Mark (Brian) Tapper of Las Vegas, NV; 14 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren; stepchildren Wade M (Linda) Hughes of Bowling Green KY, Nina Creech of Frankfort, brother Don (Shirley) Burns of Plymouth, IN and sister-in-law Carol (late Jerry) Parritt. Numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Pallbearers will be her sons Doug, David and Mark, Ron Parritt, Scott Parritt and Jacob Tapper. In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to the family. Please visit our website to send the family messages of condolences at [www.ljtfuneralhome.com](http://www.ljtfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Frankfort Cemetery

215 E. Main  
Frankfort, KY 40601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

LeCompte-Johnson-Taylor Funeral Home  
1725 Louisville Rd.  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 223-5858  
[ljtfuneralhome@gmail.com](mailto:ljtfuneralhome@gmail.com)  
<https://ljtfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

NOV 18. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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NOV 18. 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

PT

“ Shirley has always welcomed me to her home and family since our first meeting in 1988. Shirley worked hard to make a “house” a home. All of the structures in “Little Bear Track” were made more authentic by the décor and details she added. Shirley took pride in her appearance and truly was “as cute as a button”, with matching clothes, shoes, accessories and even sunglasses. She loved her boys and grandchildren and established many traditions that we carry on, (in our way), today.

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**Paulette Tapper** - November 16, 2021 at 12:58 PM

GD

“ God bless, Ray & Dana purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Mrs. Shirley Jo Hughes.



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**God bless, Ray & Dana** - November 16, 2021 at 11:28 AM

KH

“ My love for Shirley deepened the last couple years as we had some long talks together in her and Dad Hughes's living room. She told me about her childhood and raising her boys. I wish I could have gone more often to visit with her. Rest in peace, dear lady.

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**Kathleen Hughes** - November 15, 2021 at 11:04 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Jo Hughes.*



November 15, 2021 at 10:35 PM



“ *Mom I will miss your phone calls and your lovely smile. I have so many wonderful memories of you and just want to thank you for being my Mom. I love you*

**David Tapper** - November 15, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ *I will always remember Shirley as a sweet loving person with a great sense of humor and a good mom to my friends she was a kick In the pants.we will all miss her*

**Steve Hardcastle** - November 15, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ *Mom  
You left us so many memories. No one could've asked for a better mother love you rejoice with family in heaven*



**Mark Tapper** - November 15, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ *Prayers to the family. Sister Shirley was a wonderful lady, always smiling. She will be missed.*

**Connie** - November 15, 2021 at 07:16 PM

MS

“ *Mary Stahl lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jo Hughes*



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**Mary Stahl** - November 15, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Jo Hughes.*



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November 15, 2021 at 04:02 PM

JW

“ *Sister Shirley was such a wonderful person with such a kind and loving heart. She had a smile that could light up a room. We were blessed to have known her. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

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**Jason and Crystal Watson** - November 15, 2021 at 12:16 PM