

Shirley passed away December 10, 2025, surrounded by her family. She was born January 2, 1936, in Cranberry, Pennsylvania, the youngest of 14 children. From the very beginning, family was at the center of her world. Shirley met the love of her life W.C. "Dub" Stokes or as she lovingly called him "Babe". They were married September 9, 1955 in Jal, New Mexico

Shirley spent her life lifting up those she loved cheering from the stands at her children's, grandchildren's, and great-grandchildren's sporting events and activities, sharing in their joys, and celebrating every milestone. Her presence was a constant source of encouragement, pride, and unconditional love.

A talented and passionate singer, Shirley was a longtime member of the Prairie Winds Sweet Adelines group in Lubbock, where she found friendship, harmony, and an outlet for her vibrant spirit. She also embraced the many moves her husband, Dub made during his 40 year career with El Paso Natural Gas. With each relocation, she brought grace, strength, and the ability to make any place feel like home. She was an active member of Asbury Methodist Church in Odessa. Shirley was passionate about dachshunds and loved many of them over the years.

Shirley was also an avid Dallas Cowboys fan, cheering on her team with enthusiasm and loyalty, season after season.

Shirley is preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, W.C. "Dub" Stokes, parents, Percy L. and Gertrude L. (Wassum) Whitling; siblings, Georgia, Maxine, Harold, Buster, Lois, Don, Alan, Jack, Peg and four infant siblings.

Shirley is survived by her sons, Brian Stokes, and wife Debbie, Eric Stokes and wife Patti; grandchildren, Nikki Springer and husband J.T., Zachary Stokes and wife Kasey, Ashley Reyes and husband Jaime, Morgan Stokes and fiancé Justin Long, great-grandchildren, Parker Jordan, Hadley Springer, Hudson Springer, Maverick Stokes and Mason Stokes.

Shirley's legacy is one of devotion, resilience, and a life lived with wholehearted love. She will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her.

To honor the life and legacy of Shirley Stokes the family request in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the American Cancer Society-Permian Basin. Contributions may be mailed to SK: TSDWPU. P.O. Box 80323. Midland. Texas



Shirley Stokes
1936-2025

You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray
that she will come back
Or you can open your eyes
and see that she has left.
Your heart can be empty
because you can't hear her
Or you can be full of
love that you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow
and live yesterday
Or be happy for tomorrow
because of yesterday.
You can remember her and
only that she is gone
Or you can cherish her memory
and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she would want;
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.



**IN LOVING MEMORY
OF**
Shirley Stokes

BORN

*Thursday January 2, 1936
Cranberry, Pennsylvania*

PASSED AWAY

*Wednesday December 10, 2025
Odessa, Texas*

MEMORIAL SERVICE

*10:30 A.M.
Monday December 22, 2025
Asbury Methodist Church
Odessa, Texas*

OFFICIANT

*Reverend Kevin Bushart
Chaplain Eddy Carrell*

INTERMENT

*10:30 A.M.
Friday December 19, 2025
DFW National Cemetery
Dallas, Texas*