



## Don L. Shirk

September 5, 2007

Don L. Shirk, 84, of Gormley St. Forest, OH died at 6:35AM Wed. Sept. 5, 2007 at The Corinthian Nursing Home, Kenton, OH. He was born June 24, 1923 in Peoria, OH to Don B. & Ada (Mame) Shirk, both deceased.

Mr. Shirk married Ruth E. Peart on Sept. 7, 1943 and she survives. Also surviving is 1 Son, Dean (Betty) Shirk, Wharton, OH, 2 Grandchildren, Donnie & Jackie Shirk, 1 Brother, Floyd Shirk, Marysville, OH. He was preceded in death by 3 Brothers.

Mr. Shirk was a WWII Veteran who served in the US Army as a paratrooper and medic. He was the owner/operator of Shirk's Barber Shop, Forest, OH for over 50 years until his retirement in 2002. Mr. Shirk also worked nights at the Marion Correctional Institute. He and his wife also ran the former Shirk's grocery store in Kirby, OH.

Mr. Shirk was member of the First Baptist Church, Kenton, OH where he served as a church Deacon. He was a member of the Forest Masonic Lodge, Odd Fellows, McVitty VFW Post 1182 and American Legion Post 259 both of Forest, OH. Mr. Shirk served on the Forest City Council for many years. He enjoyed reading, golfing, fishing, handing-out chewing gum and doing magic tricks for all the kids in town.

A Funeral Service will be held Sat. Sept. 8, 2007 at CLARK SHIELDS Funeral Home with Pastor Craig Mansfield officiating. Burial will follow at Hueston Cemetery, Forest, OH with Military Graveside Rites conducted by McVitty VFW Post 1182 and American Legion Post 259 both of Forest, OH. Friends may call Fri. Sept 7, 2007 from 3-8PM at CLARK SHIELDS Funeral Home, Forest, OH where a Masonic Memorial Service will be held at 7:45PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Forest Jackson Community Library or First Baptist Church of Kenton in care Clark Shields Funeral Home 301 S. Patterson St. Forest, OH 45843. Visit [www.shieldsfh.com](http://www.shieldsfh.com) to send a condolence, share a memory and view the Life Tribute Video.

'<http://videos.lifetributes.com?redirect=1&id=11266>'

# Tribute Wall



“ I went to First Baptist Church when I was younger. It was always the highlight of the day to go find Don and ask for a piece of gum. He must have had both pockets full because no one ever went away empty handed. Rest in peace and my heartfelt sympathies to the family.##imported-begin##Nathaniel Lawrence##imported-end##

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September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Ruthie - my family sends out our prays for you always, but now especially during this time - and we take consolation in the fact that Uncle Don is now with his Savior and one day soon we will see each other again! I will never forget the inspiration he gave in my life for many years for reading and math as well as our times of Bible study and discussions - something I'm trying to pass on now to my daughter who already has a love for her books at soon to be 3 years old! ~Job 19:25-27.##imported-begin##Joshua, Lindsay, and Mollie Thames##imported-end##

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September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and Prayers go out to the Shirk Family. Thanks for the Memories.I know God has a special place for you in Heaven. Because you were a special Angel to all of us during his time here.##imported-begin##Gary Pfeiffer##imported-end##

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September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Ruth and Dean you have my sympathy in this your hour of sorrow. Don was a great person!!! I remember when he gave my two sons their first hair cuts. WOW what patience he had. I to worked as a correction officer only on the county level. I did this for 13 years. This takes a special sort of person to do that type of work and I know Don would have those qualities for the job. Again you have my sympathy, Mary West (Fox-Van Atta).##imported-begin##Mary West (Van Atta)##imported-end##

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September 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Ruthie and family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. We will cherish our time that we had with Don. We so enjoyed our talks with him. God be with you. I remember the time of the ice storm and we took you and Don in and we had a wonderful time when it was such a scary time. God bless you and comfort you in this time of loss.##imported-begin##Jim & Angie & boys##imported-end##

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September 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Shirk family. Don will be fondly remembered for his caring and humor. His service to both the nation as well as to the people of Forest for so many years are to be commended. May God bless and comfort each of you in your time of loss.

Tim & Karen Curtin##imported-begin##Tim Curtin##imported-end##

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September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM