



## Shirley Faye (Sweeney) Konen

July 16, 1937 - June 8, 2019

Shirley Faye Sweeney Konen, 81, of Aurora, Illinois, passed away Saturday, June 8, 2019 in Aurora. She was born July 16, 1937 in Princeton, Kentucky. Shirley grew up in Princeton with her siblings Ed, Sandra, Annie, Wayne and Donnie. Upon graduating from Caldwell County High School in 1954 at the age of 17, she left home to start her career as a stewardess for Eastern Airlines and American Airlines. In 1961, Shirley met Vincent Konen, who became her husband four short months later. While there were varying funny stories about their courtship depending upon who you asked, they fell in love and were married on July 29, 1961. Shirley's love for travel kept her involved with the airline industry as a member of the Kiwi Club. She served as a board member of the Phoenix Chapter and enjoyed convention trips with her fellow Kiwis. Shirley was an energetic, outgoing, and fun-loving woman who believed that there were no strangers in life, just friends you haven't met yet. This outlook on life served her well for 81 years. Shirley had a wonderful circle of friends with whom she enjoyed traveling to Florida to get away. She was involved with the St. Anne's Society and Mercy Auxiliary Board for many years, serving as president for both. Shirley was also a professional volunteer and was a licensed agent at Konen Insurance Agency. She had long lasting friendships with many of the Dominican Sisters at Rosary and in Springfield, IL. Shirley and Vince's bond with Marmion spanned well over 50 years. As a convert she cherished her Catholic faith. She enjoyed her travels to Europe

and Guatemala with the Marmion monks and the Marmion alumni and their spouses. Shirley and Vince retired to Scottsdale, Arizona in the early 1990's where she made many close friends while knitting many beautiful creations. Shirley was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She loved family travels and celebrating her birthday on the River Boat with Mr. Wehling. Shirley was very proud of her Kentucky roots and spent many fun times with family and friends in Princeton, Kentucky.

Her children would often tease that she should have bought stock in McDonald's as she loved her sausage biscuit with cheese and coke, no ice. Survivors include her five children, Zoe' (Jerry) Knudtson, Kerrie (Mark) Pelenytschka, Brian (Ann) Konen, Jennifer (Todd) Weston, and Eric (Jen) Konen; her thirteen grandchildren: Tegan, Nicholas, Patrick and Emma Knudtson, Nathan, Charlie, and Regan Konen, Wyatt, Luke, and Maddie Weston, and Lilly, Sydney, and Henry Konen; her sisters Sandra and Annie and brothers Wayne and Donnie; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vince, her parents, and her brother Ed. The family would like to express special gratitude to the community of Marmion monks. Shirley was truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community of faith.

Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 9:30 am at Marmion Abbey Church, 850 Butterfield Road, Aurora. Interment will follow at Marmion Abbey Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 12, 2019 from 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM at The Daleiden Mortuary, 220 N. Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506. (630) 631-5500.

Please visit our website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Shirley's family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Marmion Abbey and Academy, 1000 Butterfield Road, Aurora, IL 60502 or to Rosary High School, 901 N. Edgelawn Dr., Aurora, IL 60506.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 12. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary  
220 N. Lake Street  
Aurora, IL 60506  
(630) 631-5500  
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com  
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

## Funeral Mass

JUN 13. 9:30 AM (CT)

Marmion Abbey Church  
850 Butterfield Rd  
Aurora, IL 60502

## Burial

JUN 13 (CT)

Marmion Abbey Cemetery  
850 Butterfield Rd.  
Aurora, IL 60502

# Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Faye (Sweeney) Konen



Daleiden Mortuary - June 12, 2019 at 11:10 AM

GP

“ So sorry to hear this. I served with Shirley on the St. Anne's board and she had so much energy and ideas. Prayers to the entire Konen family.  
Gloria Porter

Gloria Porter - June 17, 2019 at 11:41 PM

KP

Thank you so much, Gloria!

Kerrie B Konen Pelenytschka - July 02, 2019 at 08:20 PM

JM

“ I've long been a great fan of Shirley and always enjoyed her honesty, enthusiasm and friendliness. We will miss her. She and the entire Konen family are in our prayers.  
John McEnroe

John McEnroe - June 13, 2019 at 09:06 AM

KP

*Thank you for your thought and prayers during this sad time, Mr. McEnroe. Kerrie Beth*

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**Kerrie B Konen Pelenytschka** - July 02, 2019 at 08:20 PM

BY

“ *The Youngren Family is so sorry to hear about Shirley's passing. She will be missed by many in the Aurora area and beyond. I am unable to attend the service but please know that the Konen Family is in our thoughts and prayers. Blessings to you all.*

*Barb Youngren*

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**Barbara A Youngren** - June 12, 2019 at 05:13 PM

KP

*Thank you, Barb. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers during this sad time.  
Kerrie Beth*

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**Kerrie B Konen Pelenytschka** - July 02, 2019 at 08:20 PM

TL

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Shirley's passing. She was a great lady and friend to so many. She will be missed. Our prayers are with all the family. We are in Florida so will miss the funeral. We are sorry not to be with you. God Bless. Marilyn and Tom Leuer*

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**Tom and Marilyn Leuer** - June 12, 2019 at 03:26 PM

HY

*So sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Konen. She was always busy and full of life! She was always among the 1st to volunteer at school: Holy Angels, Rosary & Marmion.*

*When Mrs. Konen smiled, she often had a twinkle in her eye providing extra warmth.*

*It is an honor to have known both Shirley & Vince Konen (Mr. & Mrs.). They certainly did a wonderful job raising 5, smart, talented & good looking kids. My ❤️ goes out to the entire (Konen) family & extended family.*

*With love & positive thoughts to all from*

*Holly Yanker & The Yanker Family*

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**Holly Yanker** - June 12, 2019 at 11:32 PM

KP

*Thank you for your beautiful memories and kind remarks. Hugs to you Holly!*

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**Kerrie B Konen Pelenytschka** - July 02, 2019 at 08:16 PM

KP

*Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers, Mr. and Mrs. Leuer. Warmly, Kerrie Beth*

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**Kerrie B Konen Pelenytschka** - July 02, 2019 at 08:19 PM

AK

*“ Another fabulous Aurora mom has gone straight to heaven. I am sorry to miss the services for Shirley as I am out of town, but you all remain in my prayers.*

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**Anne Readey King** - June 12, 2019 at 10:39 AM

SH

*Shirley was a great friend, she never met a stranger. I loved her smile . Every time I have a cheeseburger from MacDonalds I will think of her and that great smile*

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**shorty** - June 25, 2019 at 08:06 PM

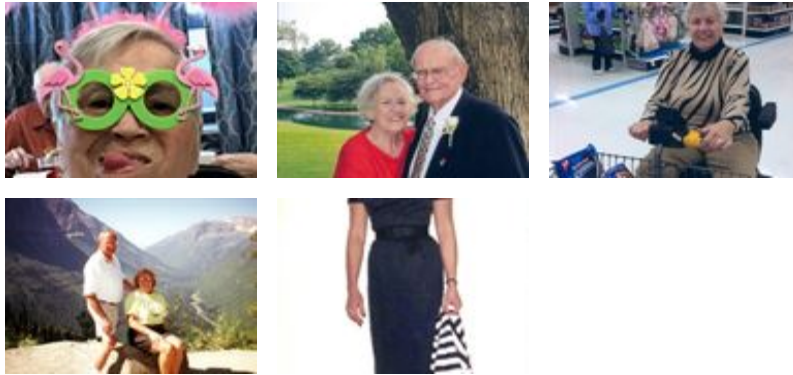
KP

*Thank you for your prayers, Anne.*

**Kerrie B Konen Pelenytschka** - July 02, 2019 at 08:16 PM



“ 53 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Daleiden Mortuary** - June 12, 2019 at 10:08 AM

KP

*Thank you for putting together such a beautiful tribute of our mom. The wake and funeral services were so wonderfully done. We are grateful to the entire Daleiden staff in helping us through these difficult and sad days.*

**Kerrie B Konen Pelenytschka** - July 02, 2019 at 08:14 PM

TP

“ *Sympathy from your cousins in Winnebago, Illinois. Shirley was always so vibrant and people-loving. What a beautiful obituary you created! May eternal rest be granted unto Shirley, oh Lord!*

**Tom & Joleen Petit** - June 11, 2019 at 06:53 PM

KP

*Thank you for your condolences and memory of our mom! God Bless .  
Kerrie Beth*

**Kerrie B Konen Pelenytschka** - July 02, 2019 at 08:11 PM

JA

“ Brian and family: We offer sympathies for Shirley's passing. Her obituary captured her spirit and influence, which you all can cherish as you celebrate her life and her legacy. God bless!

John & Margie Alexander - June 11, 2019 at 05:04 PM

JB

“ It's a blessing to have known Shirley and to have had the opportunity to work with her at Mercy Medical Center. She was a doer and a leader. She had a great love for the Sisters of Mercy. We'll miss her, but our memory of her goodness will continue. Our sympathy to Zoe and Jerry and Shirley's entire family. May God be with you. Jim & Dorothy Barkley

James & Dorothy Barkley - June 11, 2019 at 02:30 PM

TF

“ The Deufel Family purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Shirley Faye (Sweeney) Konen.



The Deufel Family - June 11, 2019 at 02:16 PM



“ Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Shirley Faye (Sweeney) Konen.



June 11, 2019 at 08:54 AM

BC

“ Brent Christen lit a candle in memory of Shirley Faye (Sweeney) Konen



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**Brent Christen** - June 11, 2019 at 06:35 AM

KP

*Thank you, Brent! Warm wished to you!*

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**Kerrie B Konen Pelenytschka** - July 02, 2019 at 07:53 PM

LM

“ I am thinking of all of you Konen "kids", and of your sweet mom. Shirley brought love and laughter with her wherever she went. She was such a special friend to Donna!! Shirley was beautiful inside and out.

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**Linda Lies Mannix** - June 11, 2019 at 12:21 AM

LM

*Linda Lies:) Mannix*

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**Linda Lies Mannix** - June 11, 2019 at 12:23 AM

KP

*Thank you, Linda! Such wonderful family fun and memories made over the years!*

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**Kerrie B Konen Pelenytschka** - July 02, 2019 at 07:58 PM

JD

“ *Jenny and Family,  
I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your dear mother. I so enjoyed being with her during our Kappa Kappa Gamma Mom's weekends at the University of Illinois. I think she had more fun than we did most of the time! Her laugh was infectious! She will be missed. Love and Loyalty, Jacqui Marchese DiMarco*

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**Jacqui DiMarco** - June 10, 2019 at 06:05 PM

LP

“ *To: Mr. Brian Konen  
Hello Brian, I am so very sorry to hear this news about your Mom. I now know where you get your smile. Although I never met your Mother, I'm sure she was a wonderful person---just like her son. Words, at a time like this, are not really my forte, so I can only say God Bless you and your entire family. Peace, my brother.  
Luke Praxmarer*

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**Luke Praxmarer** - June 10, 2019 at 05:58 PM

TH

“ *Brian, we are so very sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Todd & Janie Henricks*

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**Todd Henricks** - June 10, 2019 at 05:44 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Faye (Sweeney) Konen.*



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June 10, 2019 at 03:14 PM

JB

“ My memories of Shirley are from working for Konen Insurance for more than 20 years. We sometimes went to lunch together or I would stop at McDonalds to get her something to bring back. I also remember she loved snicker bars a lot. We went on one trip together to Kentucky, her to visit in Princeton and me to visit my sister in Marion Kentucky. I watched her kids grow into adults and enjoyed Christmas parties either at their home or Aurora Country Club. My heart goes out to her children, God bless them all. Judy Bowen

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**Judy Bowen** - June 10, 2019 at 02:02 PM

KP

*Thank you for sharing your lovely memories of our mom and family!  
God Bless*

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**Kerrie B Konen Pelenytschka** - July 02, 2019 at 08:00 PM

LR

“ Shirley.I keep thinking of all the fun times we had through the years. You were one of a kind.You were a special friend and mom.You raised 5 wonderful kids. I am so glad I got to see you on Thursday. It really means a lot to me. Loved you so much. Tooter

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**Leslie Roeder** - June 10, 2019 at 12:10 PM

KP

*It was so nice to hear that you and Mrs. Wood were able to visit it with her just 2 days before she passed away! How she loved and cherished her friends! All of us children grew up with such remarkable women and we learned what friendship is all about. Thank you for your kind words and memories!  
Love, Kerrie Beth*

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**Kerrie B Konen Pelenytschka** - July 02, 2019 at 08:03 PM

AG

“ I met Vince over 60 years ago when he was a confirmed bachelor. Then he met Shirley. He folded up like yesterdays newspaper. God love her and all of the Konen Family in this difficult time. Allen Greene and Dorothy

allen greene - June 10, 2019 at 11:59 AM

KP

Thank you for your friendship with our parents and all of us kids over the years. We were so blessed to have wonderful parents who had such remarkable friends. We love you and Dorothy so much!  
Kerrie Beth on behalf of all of us kids

Kerrie B Konen Pelenytschka - July 02, 2019 at 08:07 PM



“ Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Pink & White was purchased for the family of Shirley Faye (Sweeney) Konen.



June 09, 2019 at 10:41 PM

JR

“ God love you Shirley, we did! Rest In Peace. You will be missed. No one like you! Janis and Jim

Janis Ruddy - June 09, 2019 at 09:59 PM

BW

“ *Sending my deepest sympathies to all of the family...the kids!! Your mom was special to so many and I adored her. The first memory that comes to mind is how she hosted her own birthday parties!! I remember being at the pool with my little ones, listening to the raucous laughter up on the porch (outside ladies lounge) and everyone singing Happy Birthday. I think she held her own party every year...what a great way to celebrate!! She was such a caring lady and I'm so sorry for your loss.*

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**Betty Wells** - June 09, 2019 at 09:30 PM