

Shirley Lee Thomas Barker

December 8, 1926 ~ September 24, 2022

Shirley Lee Thomas Barker peacefully passed away on September 24, 2022. She was born to loving parents Lee Custus Thomas and Lisle Amanda Cloward on December 8, 1926 in Payson, UT.

Her best friend was her husband, Clinton Jay Barker. They knew each other for 80 years and celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary in January of 2020 before Clinton passed away. Their love story started in a Salt Lake neighborhood when our mother with her beautiful red hair rode her green bicycle past dad sitting on the front porch where his family lived. She was 13 and he was 15. It survived going to different schools and WWII. Just before their first daughter was born, Clinton and Shirley were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. They had three children, Cathy, Chris and Marianne. They lived in various places around Salt Lake Valley.

Family was everything to Shirley. The things she loved to do was be with her immediate family and extended family. She had a lot of cousins and they loved getting together and supporting one another by attending all the prominent events.

In her later years, Shirley discovered her love of scrapbooking. She made a beautiful scrapbook about each of her daughters' lives. She also made two scrapbooks about her life and gave them to her daughters.

Shirley is survived by her children Cathy (Max) Steele, Chris, Marianne (Howard) Reichman; sister Norma Simmons; 13 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren.

Shirley is preceded in death by her husband, parents, sister Virginia Anderson; and brother Lynn Thomas.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 12:30 PM at Larkin Sunset Lawn (2350 East 1300 South, Salt Lake City).