

SHIRLEY ANITA NORTON

May 15, 1936 - Oct. 10, 2005

Kokomo resident Shirley Anita Norton, 69, died Monday, Oct. 10, 2005, in her daughter's Kokomo home. She was born May 15, 1936, here in Kokomo, a daughter of Richard "Bert" and Kathleen Johnson. She married James F. "Honest Abe" Norton on April 12, 1963, and he preceded her in death July 2, 1987.

Shirley attended Kokomo High School and had worked at Delco Radio, Chrysler and Marsh Food Lines. She was a member of VFW Post 1152 Ladies Auxiliary. She volunteered at Eastside Little League and Elwood Haynes School. She enjoyed helping children. She was known as the "Raffle Lady" with the Eastside Little League. She was an avid Elvis fan and enjoyed collecting his memorabilia.

She is survived by her first husband, Gerald "Sonny" Hughes of Illinois; her children, Kathy and husband Larry King, Julie and husband Jerry Biehle Sr., all of Kokomo, and James C. Norton of Taylors, S.C.; two nephews and two grandsons, whom she helped raise, Raymond and wife Vicky Miller, Kevin and wife Linda Miller, Richard and wife Lorrie Norton, and Robert Norton, all of Kokomo; four additional grandchildren, James Biehle, Jeremy Biehle, Jerry and Stephanie Biehle Jr., all of Kokomo, James and Stephanie Taylor of Westfield; great-grandchildren; Neveah Biehle, Elijah and Caleb Peterson and Haley Taylor; three nieces; and seven nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband James; and a sister, Carolyn K. (Fields) Miller.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday in Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, 2097 W. Alto Road, with the Rev. Ken Byland officiating. Burial will follow in Kokomo Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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