



## Shirley Gorman

September 26, 2025 - November 11, 2025

Shirley (Brandreth) Gorman, 83, of Bonita Springs, Florida, passed away peacefully on November 11, 2025, at Joanne's House after a brief illness.

Born and raised in Attleboro, Massachusetts, Shirley was the daughter of the late Sidney and Edith Brandreth. She later made her home in Worcester, Massachusetts, before settling in Bonita Springs, where she had lived for the past 26 years.

Shirley was the beloved wife of the late John B. Gorman, with whom she shared many wonderful years. A lifelong learner and dedicated educator, she earned her master's degree in history with a minor in English from Bridgewater College. She went on to teach in the Cumberland, Rhode Island, school system, where she inspired generations of students with her love of knowledge, literature, and history.

Those who knew Shirley will remember her as a gracious, thoughtful, and intelligent woman who brought warmth and kindness to every conversation. She was an avid reader who always had a book nearby and a passionate Bridge player who enjoyed the friendship and camaraderie the game brought her.

Shirley is survived by her sister, Marilyn (Brandreth) Prentice, and husband,

David, of Gold Canyon, Arizona, along with one niece, two nephews, five great-nieces and nephews who will cherish her memory and the love she shared with them.

Services will be private and held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Shirley's honor to Joanne's House at Hope Hospice, 27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, Florida 34135.

To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com)

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# Tribute Wall

MP

“ My sister Shirley was a kind hearted giving loving soul. I have many memories of time when we were together at home with our parents and enjoying each other’s company many times I went with my father to pick her up at college with all her girlfriends, laughing and joking. She left her college as she continued to be extremely happy in her marriage with her husband, John Gorman it was sad to see John passed away, but in time surely had another companion named Don. They got along famously unfortunately Don passed away too

Shelley continued on with her life, loving, bridge, reading books, and sharing good times with friends. Although I did not know many of her Florida friends, their memories I’ve heard from each of you have been amazing. Thank you for being part of her life as I sit here several months after her passing my heart still breaks she will always be in my memories, my heart and my prayers.

Her sister, Marilyn Prentice

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**Marilyn Prentice** - January 27 at 06:58 PM

JW

“ Knowing John and Shirley as Oakwood neighbors I certainly agree that Shirley was a life long educator. I appreciated the many books she recommended over the years. Her kindness was well noted and lives on in memories of how she treated others.

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**Jan Whiteman** - November 24, 2025 at 08:39 AM

AE

“ Shirley was one of my first best friends in Bonita Bay. We shared a lot of good times together and I will miss her forever. She was kind, giving and generous and was a beautiful person.

Anne Edwards

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**Anne Edwards** - November 23, 2025 at 04:21 PM

AP

“ I’ve known Shirley for many years, both at bridge games and at the gym. She was such a generous caregiver; both for her husband, and then later for Don. She always had a smile and sometimes a gentle joke. I will miss her. Ann Powell

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**Ann Powell** - November 22, 2025 at 08:04 PM

NP

I’ve know Shirley at the Bridge table for many years. I never knew her not to have a pleasant word for someone else. She was a wonderful Bridge player and always willing to help anyone having a problem. She is really going to be missed.

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**Nancy Post** - November 27, 2025 at 10:26 PM

CL

My Aunt Shirley inspired my love of reading when I was a child. She had such an amazing impact on my life that I will treasure forever. The most calming and peaceful person I’ve ever known. I miss you and love you. I am thankful you and Uncle John are together again.

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**chris liebherr** - January 12 at 10:10 PM