



## Shirley Lee Garrison

December 20, 1934 - August 2, 2020

Shirley Lee Garrison, 85, died of natural causes August 2, 2020, at Hope Hospice in Cape Coral. He was born December 20, 1934, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of John T. and Sadie (Mastin) Garrison.

Shirley graduated from Redford (MI) High School, Class of 1953. Following graduation, he served for 34 years with the Michigan Air National Guard, where he retired as a Master Sergeant. While serving in the National Guard, Shirley wanted to follow in his father's footsteps who retired as a Detroit police officer. In 1956, he began as a police officer with the Livonia (MI) Police Department. During his time with the Livonia P.D., he found the love of his life, Linda M. (Lentz) and married a short time later. They would have celebrated 59 years of marriage on September 23. Shirley proudly served the city of Livonia for over 30 years, retiring as a Detective Sergeant in 1986.

Shirley and Linda quickly moved to Florida, where he began his second career with the Florida State Fire Marshall's Office, Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations. He served another 20 years, and retired as a law enforcement Major, out of the Fort Myers Regional Office in 2006.

Shirley was a lifetime member of the Masonic Temple, Livonia United #152, the Moslem Shrine Temple, the Scottish Rite Valley-Detroit, and the Livonia Elks Lodge, #2246.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, James T. Garrison and granddaughter, Arlene Soto, daughter of James M. Garrison. He is survived by his wife, Linda M. (Lentz), and sons, James M. Garrison and

his wife, Sueli, of North Port; William S. Garrison and his wife, Madelaina, of Lake Worth; four grandchildren, Kelly Garrison, Kristy Garrison, Gregory Garrison, and Danielle Garrison; Todd R. Garrison and his fiancé Taylor Morgan, of North Port; two grandchildren, Brooke Garrison, and Mackenzie Garrison; many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on October 17, 2020 at the Araba Shrine Temple located at 2010 Hanson Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

Those who wish to remember Shirley in a special way may make gifts in his memory to the American Cancer Society or the Shriners Hospital for Children. Arrangements by Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Lee Garrison*



**Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc.** - October 02, 2020 at 01:13 PM

NH

*I came home from college one weekend. Shirl came over and said... let's go catch some bad guys. We set-up a sting and caught some hub cap thieves. Another time I saw him at a drive-in restaurant sitting in his patrol car. I beeped my horn and took off. He chased me, with siren blowing. I stopped, and when he got out of his car, I took off. He chased me again. He didn't tell his partner that he knew me until his partner was about to shoot out my tires. I could go on and on about the crazy things we did. I shall really miss my pal. God Bless, and my condolences to Shirl's family. Rest in peace my friend. Norm Hosking*

**Norm Hosking** - October 06, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ *Shirley Lee Garrison*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Shirley Lee Garrison*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



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**Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc.** - October 02, 2020 at 12:44 PM



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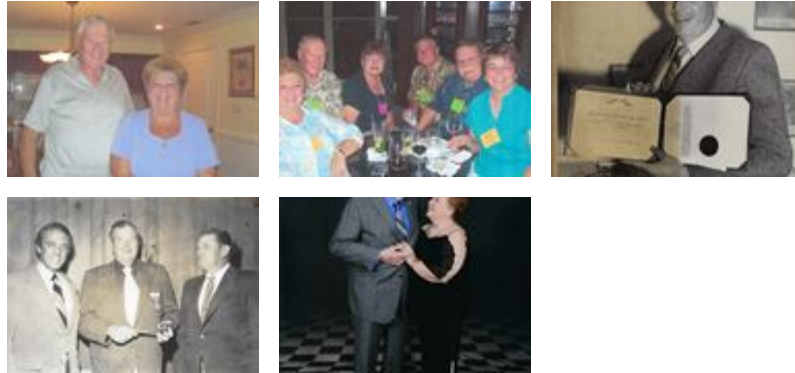


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**Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc.** - September 29, 2020 at 04:22 PM



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Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. - September 25, 2020 at 04:03 PM

GP

“ Shirley was like a Dad to me. Loved sitting there and listening to all those stories of his police career . A major void entered my heart the day He left us. The Garrison are not just close friends but are family to I and my Wife Lusa ❤️🌹🙏

george pragid - August 30, 2020 at 04:27 PM

DR

“ Linda and sons, I joined the Livonia Police Department in 1969 and met "Big Shirl" soon after. He was my shift sergeant in 1970, before going back to the detective bureau, I was assigned to the DB in 1982 and we were partners for a time. He was a good man, a great hard working policeman, a good mentor and my friend. We did some great police work together, I enjoyed working with him, he was a presence wherever he was. Please accept my sympathy upon his passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless Doug Smith Captain LPD retired

Doug Smith Captain Livonia PD retired - August 06, 2020 at 11:04 PM

FR

“ My memories of Mr. Garrison are of utmost respect and of a man who I viewed as "larger than life" with charisma and a smile that added to those memories. When he entered a room, everyone noticed. As a close childhood friend to his sons, Mr. Garrison was among my first impressions of a law enforcement officer. That might explain why my life has thus far remained one of a law abiding citizen (except for the occasional speeding ticket). Mr. Garrison will always be remembered as one of the good guys, one of the best, who dedicated his life to make our world a better and safer one to live in. My thoughts and prayers that he finds eternal peace.

Sincerely,

Frank Galeana

p.s. The frequent use of the title "Mr." may seem distant and cold to those reading this. But, that it is far from the truth. The term "Mr." is used as an indicator of deep respect.

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Frank - August 05, 2020 at 02:31 PM

GV

“ Shirley, fondly nicknamed "Sergeant Everywhere", was a very positive influence for me. At the beginning of my career he was one of the senior uniform officers who broke me in. He taught me the right way to be an honest, proactive police officer. In the early 1980s I worked with Shirley in the detective bureau for a few years. Shirley was always in a good mood, had a good sense of humor and was a joy to work with. I could fill many pages of Shirley Garrison stories. Shirley was always eager to assist his fellow detectives with their assigned cases. He never lost his enthusiasm for the law enforcement job. If there was a hall of fame for Law Enforcement officers Shirley should be in it. End of watch for a terrific person. R.I.P. brother, you earned it.

Gary Valuet

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Gary Valuet - August 05, 2020 at 11:18 AM

WC

*I loved shirley he was a wonderful person. I am sorry he is gone.  
Detective william Collins*

**William r Collins** - August 29, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Shirley Lee Garrison.*



August 05, 2020 at 10:48 AM

SR

“ *Shirley was one of my first partners and long time friend . Learned a lot from him.. Great guy.. Introduced me to my wife almost 60 years ago..*

**Sanford Remer** - August 05, 2020 at 08:57 AM

BM

“ I will never forget the "second" time I met Shirley Garrison, since I honestly was so scared to remember the first one! Let's go back to the first so you understand the meaning behind this second meeting. It was Detroit 1967, then Working in Law Enforcement, Shirley's agency was detached to assist Detroit PD during the riots. Ironically, he was positioned on the corner where my father's store was located. He remembered not only the store, the street corner it was on but remembered escorting my father, my mother, and me a kid into the store to obtain what little documents my dad had there. Fast forward....we were at Jamie's wedding to his first wife Ariselles, and Mr Garrison was introduced to both my husband and I. He looked at me with a puzzled look and asked if we had met before? Not knowing I said No. I told him where I was from and he asked when did you move to Florida? That's when I mentioned the riots, and that we left soon afterwards. His eyes opened wide and he said and I quote " you were with your father at location on 24th street in Detroit weren't you? I was 8 years old when that meeting took place. I was amazed that he remembered that one chance meeting! Rest in Peace dear man. Say hello to my dad, I'm sure he has another store open in heaven that needs to be patrolled.

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**Beverly MurrY** - August 05, 2020 at 08:43 AM

DT

“ Although I never had the honor of knowing the Sergeant Major, I do, however, know William and Jamie Garrison. It was my distinct honor to serve with both of them during my time at the Broward Sheriff's Office for 17 years. Even though there is a time factor to deal with, I'd like to think we are still friends. Through the years knowing Bill and Jamie, I believe I have some idea of what type of man Sgt. Major Garrison was. He was a man I could have called friend. And now, the world is less for me because I have lost a potential friend. And at my age, friends are hard to come by. God's Speed Sergeant Major Shirley Garrison.

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**Donny Turner** - August 04, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Lee Garrison.*



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August 04, 2020 at 01:56 PM



“ *I remember Shirley as an upbeat, energetic cop with a good sense of humor. He was the detective assigned to a couple of my crime reports and he was a bloodhound investigator who left no stone unturned resulting in convictions when we went to court. He was a mans man, great cop and a legend.*

*Dennis Farmer*

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**Dennis Farmer** - August 04, 2020 at 11:16 AM