

Our Saints

Shirley Lou Jackson
7/28/1934 - 8/13/2026



Peggy McDonald
Friend of Connie & Mike Cooper
6/29/1950 - 9/6/2026



Keith Gunzenhauser
10/19/1933 - 10/20/2016



For Those Who Walked With Us

For those who walked with us, this is a prayer.
For those who have gone ahead, this is a blessing.
For those who touched and tended us,
who lingered with us while they lived,
this is a thanksgiving.
For those who journey still with us, in the shadows
of awareness, in the crevices of memory,
in the landscape of our dreams, this is a a benediction.

-Jan Richardson

Memorials, Gifts Received and Purchases Made in Honor of Our Van Meter Saints:

- Donations for music, Luke Deboer ministry, church maintenance, prayer shawls and undesignated funds were received in memory of Shirley Jackson.
- Music for choir was purchased in memory of Robert (Bob) Richards.
- Materials for santuary lighting improvements were purchased in memory of James and Dorothy Cushing and Craig Eggleston.
- Donation was given to Luke DeBoer ministry in memory of Shirley Jackson.
- Money for church maintenance and prayer shawls was paid as designated in memory of Shirley Jackson.
- A scholorship and camperships were paid in memory of Earl and Ardis Anderson.
- 2026 Christmas cantata *Were You There On That Christmas Night?* was purchased in memory of Shirley Jackson.

FAQs on Memorial Gifts

Q. What is a memorial gift?
A. A memorial gift, usually a monetary gift is given in remembrance of the deceased loved one. The donor designates the church (or other organizations) as the recipient of the gift.
Q. How are memorial gifts used at VMUMC?
A. Memorial gifts are used for such things as: infrastructure, land, furnishings, equipment, musical instruments, etc. that are not normally provided by General Fund giving.
Q. Who decides what is purchased with memorial gifts?
A. The Memorial Committee acts as a liaison between the family and the Trustees in determining memorial gift usage.
Q. Are there ways memorial gifts cannot be used?
A. Memorial gifts cannot be used for operating expenses - utilities, salaries, general upkeep, and apportionments.



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