



Dr. Shirlee A. Meola

December 7, 1935 - December 30, 2023

Dr. Shirlee May Meola, 88, of Mechanicstown, formerly of College Station, TX, passed away on Saturday, December 30, 2023 at Aultman Hospital in Canton, Ohio.

Born on December 7, 1935 in Canton, Ohio, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Marie (Nichols) May Sr.

Shirlee graduated from Carrollton High School before attending Ohio State University, where she was one of the few women at the time to earn their Ph.D. in Zoology. She married Dr. Roger W. Meola on in June of 1956 and worked alongside him as part of a research team at the Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory in Vero Beach, identifying the source and function of several hormone regulation reproduction and behavior in mosquitoes. They then continued their research at the University of Georgia from 1969-1972. After moving to Texas, Shirlee worked as a Chief Scientist for the U.S.D.A. until she retired.

She is survived by one sister, Ruth Zuern, as well as many nieces and nephews. Her husband Roger, along with her parents, two brothers, Johnny May and Charles May Jr., and one sister, Mabel Riegle preceded her in death.

Per Shirlee's wishes there will be no services. Cremation has taken place and

she will be interred alongside her husband in Westview Cemetery in Carrollton, Ohio.

Cemetery Details

Westview Cemetery

Fourth Street SE
Carrollton, OH 44615