



Shirley G Patteson

June 20, 1935 - July 22, 2023

Shirley G. Patteson was born on June 20, 1935 through the union of her parents, Charlie J. Johnson and Bernice Lee Ridgway, in Fort Payne, Dekalb County, Alabama.

She was the “baby girl” of the family, and as such, her three older brothers served as teacher, mentor, chaperone and adventure guide. She was a talented singer and pianist, a regular pianist at Southeast Baptist Church and performed live on WZOB Radio where she met Billy McMinn, her future husband. She married early and started a family of her own, before moving from her hometown and settling in the suburbs of Atlanta, Georgia in 1963. She was a stay-at-home Mom and secretary for her husband’s business, but had a calling for Nursing and Healthcare. She attended Atlanta Technical College, and graduated in 1968 as an LPN. During her nursing career she worked in multiple metro Atlanta hospitals including Grady, Hughes Spalding, Doctor’s Memorial, Clayton General and the Atlanta Eye Clinic. In 1991 she completed a Medical Admin Certification at Branell College, thereafter working at Douglas General Hospital in that capacity. She finally retired from Nursing to provide home care for her husband in the final years of his life.

In addition to her family and healthcare work, she was active in politics. A lifelong member of the GOP, she organized fundraisers, was the County headquarters office manager, served as first chairperson for Georgia’s 16th

Congressional District and served as a delegate for county, state and national conventions.

Shirley departed this life on July 22, 2023. She is preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Bill, RJ and Herbert; her first husband Billy J. McMinn and her second husband, A.W. Patteson. She leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Donna McMinn and Debbie McMinn; a grandchild, Tracey Stewart (Kris); and two great-grandchildren, Kristopher and Kylee Stewart.

Funeral services will be 2:00pm Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at the Wilson Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor David Durham officiating. Burial will follow in the Glenwood Cemetery, Fort Payne, Alabama. The family will receive friends on Wednesday beginning at 12 noon until the 2:00pm hour of service at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

1002 Grand Avenue SW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory
3801 Gault Avenue North
Fort Payne, AL 35967
(256) 845-9150

Funeral Service

JUL 26. 2:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home Chapel
3801 Gault Avenue North
Fort Payne, AL 35967
(256) 845-9150
wilsonfuneralhome@bellsouth.net
<http://www.wilsonfhinc.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album Tracey



Tracey - July 25, 2023 at 05:02 PM

JL

“ I grew up knowing and loving this beautiful lady! My Grandmother “Speedy” was best friends with Bernice, and I always looked forward when Shirley would come to visit! She’s part of the reason I became a Nurse myself. I was very blessed to be able to take care of Bernice in the hospital, and was beside her when she left us. Shirley, hugged me and told me, she was happy, I was the one taking care of her. My heart goes out to Donna and Debbie, I hope you know how special your mother was, and how special she made anyone in her presence feel! Lots of love Jeffrey Phillips

Jeffrey Phillips Ledesma - July 25, 2023 at 10:42 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Jeannie



Jeannie Langnau - July 24, 2023 at 04:54 PM

JL

“ Dear Debbie, Donna, Tracy and family,
You have chosen the perfect photo of Aunt Shirley that matches my memories of her - a big, beautiful smile, perfect hair and makeup, and eyes twinkling with a bit of mischievousness! She always seemed caring, and I loved to hear that sweet, southern drawl. My heart goes out to all of you as losing a parent is so difficult. May you draw some comfort from those who wish you well.
In deepest sympathy, Jeannie

Jeannie Langnau - July 24, 2023 at 04:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley G Patteson.



July 24, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley G Patteson.



July 24, 2023 at 02:24 PM



“ *Dear Debbie, Donna, Tracey and family
I will always remember Aunt Shirley much like the photo you have chosen - a big beautiful smile with perfect hair and makeup, and twinkling eyes. She was so friendly, and I loved to hear the sweet southern accent. My heart goes out to you all at this difficult time. Losing a loving parent is one of the hardest trials. May you find some comfort in all the loving thoughts coming your way.
In deepest sympathy, Jeannie Johnson Langnau*

Jeannie Langnau - July 24, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Jean.Langnau&Celia Pfautz, nee Johnson
purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of
Shirley G Patteson.*



Jean.Langnau&Celia Pfautz, nee Johnson - July 24, 2023 at 12:15 PM