



Shirley Joan Harrell

December 21, 1930 - November 5, 2016

Mrs. Shirley Joan Strawhecker Harrell, age 85, passed away late Saturday, November 5, 2016, at her home. Services for Mrs. Harrell will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at Salem Baptist Church, Climax, Georgia. The Pastor Ryan Zearing and the Pastor Tim Harrell will be officiating. Burial will follow in Salem Church Cemetery with the Rev. Marty Brock officiating there. Craig Dowdy, Tim Harrell, Trevor Brandt, Len Dean, Daniel Provence, Dan Provence, Buster Bell, and Johnny Harrell will serve as pallbearers.

Shirley Joan Strawhecker was born December 21, 1930 in Arlington, Nebraska, to James L. Strawhecker and Helen Irene Fowler Strawhecker. Later, the family moved from Nebraska to California. After high school graduation Shirley began her nurses' training. There, in Stockton, California, she met a handsome Navy recruit named Ed Harrell. That Sunday morning, as she performed as the soloist at church, was the beginning of a love story that lasted through 62 years of marriage. On May 26, 2016 Ed, the love of Shirley's life and her best friend, preceded her in death. Shirley was an example of how to live a Christ-centered life. She worked as a choir director, church soloist, Sunday school teacher, vacation Bible school director, Good News Club director, pastor's wife, and any other opportunity she could find to serve Christ. She was a registered nurse and worked in private duty. Shirley was a dedicated homemaker and loving mother. She sacrificially gave of herself to her family and friends. Shirley will be missed, so very much, by her family and many, many friends.

Mrs. Shirley Harrell is survived by her children, Lindy Harrell, Suzanne Harrell Brandt, Tim Harrell and wife, Alice Wilson Harrell, and Bonnie Harrell Provence and husband, Dan Provence; grandchildren, Heather Dailey Dean, James Trevor Brandt, Timothy Edward Harrell, Jennifer Anne Dowdy, Aubrie Helen Provence, Daniel Joseph Provence, II; and 7 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Pastor Ed Harrell, and sister, Sandy Johnson.

Comments



“ Lindy, Suzie, Bonnie and Tim. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this sad time. Your Momma was a sweet lady and she touched so many lives. She had a voice of an Angel when she sang the hymns. She will be missed. I'm sorry I will not be able to make it down tomorrow but please know my heart will be with you all.. Hugs and Love to you all my friends, Beverly

Beverly and Bill Knight - June 18 at 12:00 AM



“ Lindy and family, My prayers are with you during this time of loss. I loved to hear your mother sing she had an angelic voice. She will be missed by many of the ones she touched and loved. Love in Christ, Lenell Lambert

Lenell Lambert - June 18 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I know too well the feeling of losing your mother. I know you will miss her so much but I pray that all of you have comfort in knowing that she is with Jesus and the Love of her Life (Brother Ed). My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Beverly King - June 18 at 12:00 AM



“ Lindy, Suzanne, Tim, and Bonnie, I am so sorry for your loss. You had the sweetest mother. May the Lord wrap His loving arms around each of you and give you comfort, peace, and strength in the days and weeks to come.

Bonnie Layton Collier - June 18 at 12:00 AM