



Shirley C. Boyd

March 8, 1930 - October 5, 2010

Shirley Pegan Boyd was born March 8, 1930, in Lynchburg, Ohio, and departed this life October 5, 2010, after a long, full life of devotion to her family and to her Lord. During the last few years, she fought bravely against cancer and became an inspiration to others as she continued to serve in many ways. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, H. Glenn Boyd, three children, six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two sisters. She was preceded in death by her parents, Courtland and Stella Holladay Pegan, and two brothers, Russell and Robert Pegan.

Shirley and Glenn met at Harding College in 1948, and after graduating, they were married in December, 1952 at the College Church of Christ. This church has been their home again since they returned to Searcy in 1981.

In the meantime, Shirley and Glenn served a church in South Point, Ohio, for five years where Shirley taught first grade. Then they answered a call to go to Karlsruhe, Germany, as missionaries, and worked in Germany for 16 years. The last eight of those years they also directed the Pepperdine University Year-in-Europe program, and Shirley studied at the University of Heidelberg, where she received her master's degree in German Language and Culture in 1973. During those years in Germany, Shirley worked with German children, young people and women, assisting in developing seminars, retreats, and similar activities.

While in Germany they adopted their first two children: Janet, born in 1958, and John, born in 1961; in 1968, Shirley gave birth to Jayson.

In 1973, they returned to California where they taught at Pepperdine University and helped start a congregation at Thousand Oaks, California. Shirley also taught at San Fernando Valley Christian Schools and as adjunct German teacher at Pepperdine.

In 1981, Shirley and Glenn returned to Searcy where Glenn became president of African Christian Hospitals Foundation. Shirley returned to Harding to complete her master's in education with an emphasis in English. She then taught English at Rose Bud High School and later at Harding Academy until 1990 when she became an instructor in German at Harding University until her retirement in 1996.

She always assisted Glenn in his ministries, kept an immaculate house, cooked delicious meals for her family and friends, served as a volunteer at White County Memorial Hospital, and devoted hours to church activities. She had an amazing gift of being able to build other people up while undergoing grueling medical problems herself.

Her three children and their spouses are: Janet and Andreas Reinhardt of Berlin, Germany; John and Candy Boyd of Lubbock, Texas; Jason and Elvira Boyd of Lewisville, Texas. Her six grandchildren are Tabea and her husband, Ryan Bakke, of Chicago; Jonathon Reinhardt of Princeton, New Jersey; Miriam and her husband, Grant Pinkston, of Kaiserlautern, Germany; Benjamin Reinhardt of Berlin, Germany; and Cody Boyd and Taylor Boyd of Lewisville, Texas. Her four great-grandchildren are Florian and Finn Bakke and Jonah and Abner Pinkston. She is also survived by two sisters: Elma Mary May, and Thelma Smith.

Services will be under the direction of Powell Funeral Home of Searcy and the guestbook can be signed at www.powellfuneralhome.net. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at Powell Funeral Home. The Funeral services will be held at College Church on Saturday, October 9 at 10 a.m.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to International Health Care Foundation, 102 North Locust, Searcy, Arkansas 72143.

Tribute Wall



“ *May God bless the Boyd family. He has used you to bless many of us. Glen, our prayers are with you!*

Mark

February 10, 2016 at 06:46 PM



“ *We both remember gentle Shirley when we were seniors in the Academy in 1951. We have been aware of your life work together and are thankful there are people like you, serving humanity and the Lord. And we remember, Glenn, your excellent baritone voice. . . and how astonished we were when we saw you pour iced tea over your chocolate cake in Patti Cobb's dining hall. Peace to you.*

Joe and Mary Ruth (Herren) Lewis

February 10, 2016 at 06:46 PM



“ *God bless you Glenn. Shirley was such an example of Christian character and a complement to your ministry. You have been so blessed. May our God strengthen you for the ministry he has in store for you. Our prayers are with you.*

October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dr Glenn Boyd, When God blessed Abraham, He told him "I will bless you and you will be a blessing. In you all families of the earth will be blessed...." Gen. 12:2-3.*

Of a truth, Shirley was a blessing to many as she was filled with the Spirit of God. A rare Gem & a True Jesus Witness! The blessings of Abraham rubbed of on her indeed. We are consoled that she's indeed sleeping in the Lord & her crown of righteousness awaits her soon as we will meet on the resurrection morning. We will ever miss her sweet smiles, entertainments & wise contributions. Rest in Perfect Peace & Adieu our sweet mama & friend Shirley.

October 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *You have my sympathy. Both of you did good work. You were a great pair. Take Care.*

October 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear brother Glenn Boyd,
May God comfort and console you at this time of grief.*

Please, accept our heartfelt condolences and greet your wife and children for us. Remain blessed.

October 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear brother Glenn Boyd,
May God comfort and console you at this time of grief.

Please, accept our heartfelt condolences . Remain blessed.

*Prince Ituen and family
Cameroon Missionaries*

October 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Glenn,
We were never blessed to know Shirley, but we were blessed to know you. She had to be a great lady, because of having such a wonderful husband.
Remember the good times. May God continue to bless your efforts for Him.

Linda Coleman and Juanita Hall

October 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Shirley was an amazing woman, and we will miss her sweet spirit.
We have lost a dear sister, but heaven has gained another saint.

October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Sara and I send our condolences. We've had a long appreciation for your work and very pleasant associations with other members of the Boyd family. May you all rely on God's comforting love.

Larry Bills

October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ So many wonderful memories since we first met 62 years ago as Harding students. I had a nicknasm for Shirley, referring to her as "useless". How inappropriate, it turns out. It was nothing personal, but referred to her job in the cafeteria line directing students where to sit. It stuck somehow over the years, but I did have the common sense to apologize to her many years later. She has been anything but "useless", an equal partner with Glenn in the Lord's work. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.
Clarence & Valle

October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Glenn and Family, Our hearts break and tears threaten as we think of you in the tremendous loss of Shirley. You are in our prayers.

October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My folks always respected and admired you both.

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“ Dear Glenn, you are in my prayers. My parents, Jim and Elsa Springer, always spoke so highly of you and Shirley, and you all made Karin and me feel so at home when we came to Harding. I remember the time she surprised us in the dormitory with some delicious homemade fudge. Shirley was a wonderful, sweet woman, and I always admired her energy for doing good. May you feel the Lord's hand comforting and carrying you as you come to terms with this great loss.

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