



Shirley Ann King

September 26, 1935 - June 15, 2019

Concluding a life of faith and love, Shirley Ann Hays King left this earth on June 15, at the age of 83. When she closed her eyes the last time she did so with no fear. She was confident that at the end of this journey she would waken to be welcomed by her Father and to be reunited with the love of her life, her friend, her partner, Jimmy.

Sixty-five years ago, Shirley and Jimmy vowed before God and their fellow man, "til death do us part". They honored that commitment until the union was breached by Jimmy's death in 2017. His leaving was the beginning of hers. Shirley lingered in this world, armed with her unwavering hope and courage, but her body faltered and her strength diminished. In the years that remained in her life, she was comforted and cared for by her best friend and sister, Reta and her beloved son, Stan.

She believed in prayer and practiced it with everything. A woman of deep and abiding faith, she never took the blessings of her life for granted. From a large, close, loving family, she learned that having ones to love surpassed being loved. She was forever grateful for her treasured friend, Ada Lewis. she cherished her church family over the years.

She was devoted to her husband and to her son; never putting herself before her consideration for them. The roles of wife and mother defined her. Home was open and welcoming. Children and friends through Stanley's college years were drawn by her warmth and hospitality.

The three of them, the King family, reached beyond their circle and contributed

to their church and their community. The heart of that inclusion was Shirley. She was certain that every blessing was to be shared and that they were bound by the responsibility to care for what they were given, to be good stewards.

As a young woman, she left her home in Plainview, armed with a fresh diploma, to take responsibility for herself. She had been a dutiful daughter, a good sister, and good student. With a command of numbers, perfect Parker penmanship, and excellent business English, she began at Strother Abstract. Walking home from work in a downpour one day, Jimmy King offered to drive her home and thus began a romance that lasted a lifetime. Shirley was a beautiful young woman and she was cherished from that day forward.

Shirley became a valued member of the staff at the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. She remained there until, along with Shirley's sister Dorothy and her husband, Coolidge, they established King and Nier Furniture, later to become King Furniture.

The two of them, Shirley and Jimmy, had a fine grasp of business and an incredible work ethic. They established a coveted reputation in the community and their integrity and hard work provided for them until their retirement. Their true partnership insured their survival and their success.

Shirley will not be forgotten. We will remember her as always stylishly dressed, as fresh at day's end as at its beginning. It was not a matter of pride, but simply presenting her best to the world. Her smile was a special light.

Genuine, honest, unpretentious, she might have a final word for all of us . . .

"pray about it."

Shirley is survived by her son, James Stanley King and her sister, Reta Carol Hays Lewis.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jimmy; her parents, Edward and Flossie Hays; her brothers and sisters, Lillian Moss, Cleo Lawson, Geneva Jordan, Julian Hays, Redus Hays, Gene Hays, Dorothy Nier, Lois Morris, Dayton Hays and Donnie Hays.

Memorials can be made to West Race Baptist Church Music department.

Visitation will be Monday from 6 to 9 p.m. at Powell Funeral Home, 2602 Beebe-Capps Expy., Searcy. The memorial service will be at West Race Baptist Church, 1009 West Race, Searcy on Tuesday at 11 a.m. Entombment will follow at White County Memorial Gardens.

Penned by family friend, Mrs. Beverly Hogan. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Cemetery Details

White County Memorial Gardens

Eastline Road and Park Avenue
Searcy, AR 72143

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy
Searcy, AR 72143
(501) 268-7220
searcy@powellfuneralhome.net
<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Service

JUN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

West Race Baptist Church
1109 W. Race Ave
Searcy, AR 72143

Entombment

JUN 18 (CT)

White County Memorial Gardens
Eastline Road and Park Avenue
Searcy, AR 72143

Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Ann King



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 17, 2019 at 12:45 PM

LW

Shirley was everything that was written about her. She always had a smile for everyone. She was a beautiful person all around and will be missed by everyone that came in contact with her. Reta, I'm sorry that I cannot attend but still recovering from my surgery. My prayers are with you and the family. RIP my friend.

Lavine Watson - June 18, 2019 at 12:14 AM

CB

Stan and family. I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a beautiful person inside and out.

Carolyn Bass - June 18, 2019 at 10:39 AM

CL

“ Shirley was a wonderful aunt, always helpful and loving, and always smiling and upbeat. She and Jimmy were a perfectly matched couple, and both were sincerely interested in helping others. I will miss Shirley, just as I have missed Jimmy for a while now. They raised a fine son, and I know Stan is going through some hard times now, but I hope happy memories will see him through the grief. My Prayers, love, and best wishes for Stan and all of Shirley's family and friends.

Conrad Lawson

Conrad Lawson - June 18, 2019 at 10:35 PM

RS

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family. Mrs Shirley was a great lady, very sincere and respected. Heaven gain a precious and beautiful angel. We love you Mrs. Shirley.

Randy & Laura Stice - June 18, 2019 at 08:13 AM

TH

“ What a beautiful obituary and memorial video of a very kind lady. Stan, you had some wonderful parents. They were both a blessing to have known.

Tammie (McNully) Howell - June 18, 2019 at 01:14 AM

SH

“ Mrs. Shirley was such a sweet lady. Always smiling and encouraging, a living testimony for Jesus Christ. I am praying for you Stan and others that loved her.

Sharon Bailey Huskey

Sharon Huskey - June 17, 2019 at 10:59 PM



“ *Leah Brooks lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann King*



Leah Brooks - June 17, 2019 at 01:58 PM



“ *Stan, I know how much you will miss her. I am so sorry for your loss. She was a beautiful lady and I always saw her smiling. She was a joy to know.
Bless you,*

Veda Holloway - June 17, 2019 at 09:42 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann King.*



June 16, 2019 at 07:55 PM