



Shirley Dean McGee

November 2, 1936 - January 21, 2023

Shirley Dean McGee, 86, of Bald Knob, AR went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, January 21, 2023. She was born November 2, 1936 in White County, AR to the late Grady and Myrtle (Siler) Smith. Growing up she could be found helping out on the family farm, attending the little country church down the road, and spending time with her family and friends.

Shirley got married to the love of her life, the late Richard Earl McGee, on March 1, 1952. They raised three beautiful girls and were members of New Bethel General Baptist Church. Shirley loved to serve in any way she could, especially when it came to her church and community. When asked how she wanted to be remembered, Shirley said, "I loved the Lord, and I loved people. I loved my family. They always came first." She never met a stranger and could strike up a conversation with anyone.

She was affectionately known as "Nana" to all who met her. Going to Nana's was the best part of all our family gatherings and holidays. Anyone was welcome, and she always made anyone who came feel like family. She was a great cook and was known for her cinnamon rolls, chocolate gravy, and yeast rolls. She loved working at the Bald Knob School cafeteria where she retired in 2015 as Kitchen Manager after 47 years of devoted service.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, J'Laine Gill, and grandson, Jason Goodin. She is survived by her brother, Lindell (Sharon) Smith of Huntsville, AL, two daughters, Sharon (Dwight) Cox of Velvet Ridge, AR and Tammy (Robert) Goodin of Vilonia, AR, 5 grandchildren, Jeremy (Joyce) Goodin,

Angela Cox, Aaron (Laura) Cox, Kalyynn Gill, and Kim Gill, and 7 great grandchildren. Those honored to serve as pallbearers are Jeremy Goodin, Cameron Goodin, Jordan Goodin, Ethan Davis, Aaron Cox, David Cox, and Marvin Cuevas.

A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 3:00p.m. at New Bethel General Baptist Church with Bro. Caleb Decker and Bro. Blake Goodwin officiating. Visitation will precede the service, beginning at 1:30p.m.

Interment will follow in the Shady Grove Cemetery (Steward Addition).

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob - Judsonia.

www.powellfuneralhome.net

Cemetery Details

Shady Grove Cemetery Steward Addition

Bald Knob Lake Road
Bald Knob, AR 72010

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 26. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

New Bethel General Baptist Church
739 Highway 167 North
Bald Knob, AR 72010

Funeral Service

JAN 26. 3:00 PM (CT)

New Bethel General Baptist Church
739 Highway 167 North
Bald Knob, AR 72010

Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Dean McGee



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 25, 2023 at 11:03 AM

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“ Oh, my. I just saw this. We are so sorry. Shirley was the light in the cafeteria. She always had a smile. I guess the last time we saw her, she was volunteering at CARTI. She was still smiling. Her girls were a treat to teach. Remember your mom's teachings.

George and Sandra Odom

Bald Knob

George and Sandra Odom - January 27, 2023 at 09:20 PM

MB

“ Tammy and all of Shirley and Richards family, so sorry for your loss of this special lady. May peace and love be with you.

Mary Osmon Bilan - January 26, 2023 at 01:42 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Shirley Dean McGee.*



January 26, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley Dean McGee.*



January 26, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Sheila McGee Hulsey lit a candle in memory of Shirley Dean McGee*



Sheila McGee Hulsey - January 25, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Dean McGee.*



January 24, 2023 at 07:33 PM

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“ Our condolences to her family and her lifelong community relatives/friends. We have known her as family since Tammy and Rob married. She easily included us in her heart. She truly loved and respected Richard and was an honor too him throughout their marriage. She was a model of keeping family and forgiveness ahead of the trivial or significant mis- steps of life while holding a higher standard of personal behavior for herself. She truly lived as a virtuous woman. We will miss her; reverence our memories of her; and enjoy the legacy of life well lived which she gave to each of us who knew her and continue to know her through her children and grandchildren. Phillip and Marcheta Goodin

Marcheta Goodin - January 24, 2023 at 01:04 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Shirley Dean McGee.



January 24, 2023 at 03:21 AM

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“ Prayers for all the family. I know you are in heaven.
Linda Clark

Linda Clark - January 23, 2023 at 10:24 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Dean McGee.*



January 23, 2023 at 10:06 PM



“ *Margaret Davis lit a candle in memory of Shirley Dean McGee*



Margaret Davis - January 23, 2023 at 05:57 PM



“ *Prayers to the Family* 🙏



patti Griffin - January 23, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Terri Pate lit a candle in memory of Shirley Dean McGee*



Terri Pate - January 23, 2023 at 02:03 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Dean McGee.*



January 23, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *She was always the sweetest lady, and I loved her hats! She will truly be missed.*



Leah Brooks - January 23, 2023 at 09:10 AM



“ *Michael And Connie Johnston lit a candle in memory of Shirley Dean McGee*



Michael and Connie Johnston - January 23, 2023 at 08:11 AM