



Charlotte Shows Welborn

February 20, 1929 - May 31, 2020

Charlotte Shows Welborn, age 91, of Laurel passed away on May, 31, 2020. She was born in Overt, Mississippi, on February 20, 1929, to Ethel Hunter and Otho Shows. After graduating from Ellisville High School, Jones County Junior College, and University of Southern Mississippi, she worked for Mississippi Power Company as a home economist. In 1952, Charlotte married Ray Osborne Welborn. She and her sister, Frankie Shows Middleton, had a double wedding ceremony at Mount Olive Methodist Church in south Jones County. In 1953, Charlotte started her teaching career at Glade High School where she taught home economics for three years. After having children, she returned to Glade High School to continue her career. In 1962, she was transferred to the new South Jones High School in Ellisville, Mississippi, where she taught until her retirement. In 1971, she was selected as Teacher of the Year. She retired as an educator after 34 years of teaching.

Charlotte was a member of Laurel First United Methodist Church and a former member of Kingston United Methodist Church. She was active in the United Methodist Women where she served as a past treasurer and was a member of the Massey Peden Sunday School Class and Jubilee singers. She was a past member of the Laurel Altosa Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, County Garden Club, and Laurel Natatorium water aerobics class.

Charlotte was a loving person to her family and friends and is deeply loved by

her family. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, gardening, and serving her church. She was a friend to all as witnessed through her kindness, generosity, and helping spirit.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law Sara and Mike Burt of Tampa, Florida, and Louise and Frank Fall of Mountain Brook, Alabama. Her grandchildren are Amy Fall Funderburg and husband Corey of Birmingham, Alabama, and Wesley Fall and wife Tate of Birmingham. Great grandchildren are John David Funderburg and Turner Wyatt Funderburg.

Surviving siblings are Frankie Middleton and Stanley Shows and wife Tommie, and sister-in-law Betty Shows. She is, also, survived by twenty nieces and nephews and their children.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her mother and father, Ethel Hunter and Otho Shows; husband of 45 years Ray; brothers Harold Shows and William Thomas Shows; sister Jeanette Landrum; brothers-in-law U. G. Landrum, Jim Middleton, M. H. Mallette, and Max Welborn; sisters-in-law Mary Shows, Marguerite "Mutt" Mallette, and Audrey Welborn.

Serving as pallbearers will be Wesley Fall, Corey Funderburg, and nephews Mark Shows, Paul Shows, Greg Shows, and M. H. "Butch" Mallette. Honorary pallbearers will be nephews Hal McLeod, Steve Shows, Rodney Landrum, Neil Shows, Scott Shows, James Middleton, Joel Shows, and men of the Massey Peden Sunday School Class.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. at Laurel First United Methodist Church on Monday, June 8th with burial at Hickory Grove Cemetery. Rev. Mark Anderson will officiate. The family and church leaders ask those in attendance to practice social distancing along with wearing a mask and following CDC guidelines. The service will be recorded for later viewing by

those unable to attend. If you are in the category of the most vulnerable, age 65+ or have pre-existing conditions, it is recommended that you plan to view the video.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay
Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
420 N 5th Avenue
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall

DM

“ She was a wonderful teacher, and friend. My aunt Mable loved her, too. Jubilee singers and Sportsplex swimming. I know they are singing together again now. My deepest condolences to her large and loving family

donna mitchell - June 08, 2020 at 09:50 AM

SC

“ Charlotte welcomed my mother and father, GLoria and William Strong into the Wesley Sunday School Class. My mother and I liked Charlotte very much. Later Charlotte was President of the class when the class became part of the Massey Peden Sunday School Class. She graciously oversaw that change. Charlotte participated in the First Place 4 Health healthy living group which I led. She hosted a group meeting at the Natatorium which we all enjoyed. She helped with showers and other church activities until she moved to be close to her daughter. She was beautiful, had a beautiful personality and smile. She was a special Christian friend. We will miss her. With deepest sympathy and prayers, Susan Cannon.

Susan Strong Cannon - June 08, 2020 at 01:24 AM

SB

“Charlotte Welborn was one of the most genuine persons I have ever known. She was a dear friend of my parents, so I have known her all my life. I have many fond memories of her from Kingston Methodist Church; and as I grew into adulthood, she always had a warm hello for me every time we met, even if those meetings were years apart. I will forever remember the twinkle in her eyes and her sweet smile. She was a very special lady and will truly be missed by everyone who knew her.

My deepest condolences,

*Susan Walters Bourland
Hattiesburg, MS*

Susan Bourland - June 05, 2020 at 09:31 PM

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Susan Bourland - June 05, 2020 at 09:21 PM

GR

“ *Mrs. Welborn was one of my favorite teachers, ever. She was kind, caring, and gentle, a wonderful role model for all us wild teenage girls. God bless you all, especially at this time.*

Geri Duckworth Richie - June 05, 2020 at 02:54 PM

HD

“ *Awe how I loved this precious soul. She was one of my favorite teachers in high school. I know she will be terribly missed, my prayers are being voiced for the family.*

Heather Davis - June 02, 2020 at 06:37 PM

 Sharon Barham

“ *So glad for our time together- laughter, trips to Birmingham, water aerobics and faith and church talks. You were a wonderful mentor for me. Glad of the fingerprints you left on my life*

Sharon Barham - June 01, 2020 at 11:02 AM