



Shirley L. Waites

June 19, 1935 - May 23, 2020

Shirley L. Waites, beloved wife of Ernest L. Waites passed away peacefully at the age of 84 on May 23, 2020 at South Central Regional Hospital in Laurel, Ms.

She was a 1953 graduate of Ellisville High School in Ellisville, Ms.

She married Ernest Lloyd Waites on March 2, 1956. They remained in Laurel until 1969 when they moved with their three children, Marilyn, Jan and Ernie to the New Orleans area. They returned to retire in Laurel in 2005.

She was a long-time employee of Porter Steven's Men's Appeal in Gretna, Louisiana. She was the bookkeeper and in sales. She had a keen sense of style and customized the wardrobes of clients for many years.

She loved the arts and loved to sketch, do cross word puzzles and sew. Her legacy will always be one of strength, love and devotion to her husband and children. Her beautiful smile will be forever in our hearts.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oral Maxell Shaw & Willie Plowman Shaw of Laurel.

Pete Blackledge (Sister) of Georgia, Billy Shaw (Brother) & wife, June Shaw of Waynesboro, Maxine Watts (Sister) & husband, Gerald Watts, of Laurel, George Shaw (Brother) of Laurel, Jean Canace (Sister) & husband, William Canace of New Jersey, John Shaw (Brother) of California, Lenora Roberts, (Sister) & husband, Norman "Tuffy" Roberts of Ellisville, and Graham Shaw (Brother) of Laurel.

She is survived by her husband, Ernest Lloyd Waites of Laurel and three

children, Marilyn Pastor of New Orleans, Jan Waites of Dallas, Texas and Ernie Waites of New Orleans. Two grandchildren, Brandon Burns of New Orleans and Hannah Waites of Dallas, Texas, Mildred (Millie) Shaw (Sister-in-Law) of South Carolina & Eva Rae Shaw (Sister-in-Law) of Laurel and many nieces and nephews

Due to COVID restrictions visitation and services will not be held at Memory Chapel Funeral Home.

Visitation will be held outside at Ellisville Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. and services will begin at 2:00 p.m.

On Friday, May 29, 2020.

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

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Ellisville Cemetery
Corner of Augusta Road and Hwy 29 South
Ellisville, MS 39437

Tribute Wall



“ *Marilyn Pastor lit a candle in memory of Shirley L. Waites*



Marilyn Pastor - June 01, 2020 at 05:27 PM

RP

“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Wall*



rick phillips - May 30, 2020 at 06:07 PM

RB

“ *1 file added to the album Shirley L. Waites*



Rick and Barbara - May 29, 2020 at 08:37 PM

RB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Rick and Barbara - May 29, 2020 at 08:34 PM

RP

“ Although I'm related only by marriage to her niece Barbara, Aunt Shirley treated me like real family from the first time I met her, and whenever I saw her after that. Shirley was cut from the same cloth as her sister, Jean, my mother-in-law; thoughtful, kind, and with a good sense of humor; and I loved being around her. I'll always remember her friendly, gracious personality. I'm grateful to have been considered "family" by her, and I'm very sorry she's gone. My love and sympathy to all her family.

-Rick Phillips

rick phillips - May 29, 2020 at 04:04 PM

BC

“ Aunt Shirley was a woman of style and grace. Her warmth and gentleness were reflected in her smile, voice and spirit. She was truly a beautiful woman both inside and out. She listened, and her soft lilting voice with her signature "ah-ha's" were such a comfort. She was special. I love her and will hold her in my heart forever. I share your sorrow and send loving thoughts to all of you.

Barbara Canace

Barbara Canace - May 29, 2020 at 04:01 PM

BC

“ To All....I have always held a special place in my heart for my Aunt Shirley. To this day I can still hear in my head her sweet calming voice and see her smile. I still contend that she was the Queen of Fried Chicken by which I judge all others. KFC pales in comparison. My Love to All.....I share in your sorrow.....Billy Canace.

Billy Canace - May 29, 2020 at 11:28 AM

RC

“ My Aunt Shirley was one of the sweetest, softest, classiest women I had the great fortune of knowing and being related to. She moved with grace, her smile broke like a sunrise, she listened, gave you her full attention, and never said an unkind word. My fondest memories include her stay with us in New Jersey, where her presence was like a flower in bloom in our house. I remember time spent with her at the beach, her soft, slow southern accent washing over me more softly than any wave. After our mom passed, there were times I'd look at her and my mom would reappear like magic in her face, I hadn't realized the resemblance until that moment. My visits to New Orleans were motivated as much by seeing her as anything the City had to offer. And not memory of my loving Aunt Shirley would be complete without mentioning that she had the magic southern touch with her fried chicken. My friends who visited her with me in New Orleans still talk fondly about her generosity and culinary skills. I cannot smell fried chicken without thinking of her. But, most of all, we need models of human kindness in this world. Shirley was at the top of my list in that category. I will miss her.

-Bob Canace

Robert Canace - May 29, 2020 at 10:01 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley L. Waites.*



May 28, 2020 at 05:20 PM