



Shirley Ruth Cole

November 9, 1947 - October 23, 2021

Shirley Ruth Cole, 73, passed away Saturday, October 23, 2021, at North Mississippi Medical Center. She was born November 9, 1947, to L. H. "Tate" Oakley and Henrietta Yates Oakley. Shirley was an active member of Booneville First United Methodist Church where she served various roles of the children's ministry, including Sunday School Superintendent, Bible study leader and Nursery Supervisor.

Shirley's greatest joy was her family, especially her grandchildren. She had a genuine smile and a contagious laugh. Although Halloween, Christmas, and Fourth of July at her house were special occasions, she celebrated every family dinner like a holiday.

She was a member of her beloved Booneville High School Class of 1965. She attended Mississippi State University and graduated from Blue Mountain College. She worked as a fourth grade teacher, Deputy Chancery Clerk, and a Title Abstractor in North Mississippi. She was passionate in her many careers and was a true jack of all trades. Her hard work ethic took her all over, making friends everywhere she went.

Visitation will be Tuesday, October 26, 2021, from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Booneville Funeral Home. Funeral service for Mrs. Shirley will be Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of Booneville Funeral Home.

Visitation, prior to service, will be from 9:00 AM until service time on Wednesday. Bro. Bobby Hankins and Bro. Tim Sisk officiating. A private graveside service will be held immediately after at Jumpertown Cemetery.

Booneville Funeral is in charge of arrangements.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Phillip Cole; her daughters, Amy Cole Williams (Tim) of Tupelo and Molly Cole Michael (Jason) of Booneville; sister, Charlotte Oakley Whitehead (Ron) of Booneville; mother-in-law, Inez Cole; four grandchildren, Anna Claire Lothorp Brock (Brakston) of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Cole Lothorp of Tupelo, Katie Michael and Caroline Michael both of Booneville; a host of special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Frances Oakley Green.

Pallbearers will be Eric Cole, Johnny Duncan, Billy Gillespie, Preston Jones, Larry Michael and Barry Raines.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dustin Black, Travis Childers, Dustin Cole, Jordan Gann, Charles Googe, John Hatcher, John Haynes, Trent Jacobs, Steve Morgan, Charles Pollard, Bubba Pounds, Donny Prince, Kenny Robinson, Keith Shackelford, Brandon Walker, Chris Wildmon, Russell Whitehead and the Deputies of the Prentiss County Chancery Clerks Office.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association or to any charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Funeral

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Booneville Funeral Home
506 North Third Street
Booneville, MS 38829
(662) 728-6607
<https://www.boonevillefuneralhome.net>

Tribute Wall

AF

“ Shirley was true to her friend, no matter the cost. I knew her in the 1970's, she was a treasure!

a friend - October 27, 2021 at 11:00 PM

AB

“ Amanda Burcham-Garvin lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ruth Cole



Amanda Burcham-Garvin - October 26, 2021 at 06:19 PM

BH

I am so sorry for your loss. I worked at the Tippah County Chancery office and loved it when Shirley came in. She was always laughing and talking about her beloved family.

Brenda Hopper - October 27, 2021 at 06:35 PM

AB

“ My sister and I (Amanda and Angela) used to play with Molly and Amy while our parents played cards and other games. I remember those good times. I remember my Dad telling me that they were all best friends. In a walk of a lifetime, it is good to have best friends. Phillip, Amy, and Molly, the Burchams are praying and thinking of you all. We love you so very much. May God heal you with His blessings and the comfort that friends and family give.

Amanda Burcham-Garvin - October 26, 2021 at 06:18 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Puckett lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ruth Cole*



Sandra Puckett - October 26, 2021 at 08:36 AM

LF

“ *She always had a smile and laugh. We would surprise them at Christmas when I was little and sing carols - and pop over during any 4th of July parade.*



lydia frazier - October 25, 2021 at 08:59 PM

BJ

“ *Barbara Windham Johnson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ruth Cole*



Barbara Windham Johnson - October 25, 2021 at 08:29 PM

SJ

“ *Susan Jones lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ruth Cole*



Susan Jones - October 25, 2021 at 03:04 PM

SJ

Shirley was one of the most genuine people I have ever known. My family and our church family will greatly miss her.

Susan Jones - October 25, 2021 at 03:07 PM