



Shirley June Stewart

June 26, 1938 - January 6, 2021

Shirley June Stewart, 82, slipped loose the bonds of this world peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, January 6th, 2021. She was born June 26th, 1938 to her parents, Albert Lloyd and Belvie Lee Owens in Ada, Oklahoma, where she was raised along with her eight brothers and sisters.

Shirley was a smart, pretty, petite woman with a dry wit. It was no surprise that her future husband, Tommy Joe Stewart, was smitten by her. They were married on April 3, 1958 in Ada, Oklahoma and soon welcomed their three daughters, Tamara Jo, Cynthia Lee, and Shelley Diane.

Shirley clearly loved children and teaching Sunday School, and earned her Bachelor's of Education degree from the University of Tulsa and her Master's +60 of Education degree from NE OSU. She taught every grade except Kindergarten at Greeley and Cooper Elementary Schools in Tulsa, and selflessly invested her time into her students. We learned kindness and compassion listening to her tell stories at the dinner table.

Her servant's heart was enormous for others and her gift was serving under-privileged children from her school. And so, she quietly observed which students needed coats and mittens, shoes, or supplies. Shirley anonymously delivered boxes of food and clothing to their homes in the dark of night, never seeking credit to avoid embarrassing her students or their parents.

Shirley was ecstatic when her daughters were married and ultimately ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren came into her and Tom's lives. She adored being a Nana, and fervently loved all her grandkids and great-grandkids. We celebrated many birthday parties, holiday get-togethers, weddings and anniversaries with our parents, Shirley and Tom.

We are confident that Shirley is with her Maker in heaven, and was welcomed by Jesus saying, "Well done, my good and faithful servant". This confidence we have in Christ was

imparted to us as children by our parents. We are eternally grateful for the way she lived her life for Christ. What a precious gift and legacy she leaves for all who knew and loved her.

Shirley is survived by her loving husband, Tommy Joe Stewart; her daughters and spouses, Tammy and Michael Bowen, Cindy and Craig Stokes, and Shelley and Robert Greene; her living siblings and their families, Donna Owens, Jim and Betty Owens, Judy Breese, Recie Mitchusson, Randy and Nancy Owens, Carol Stewart, Irene and Tommy Ray Jones, Marcia Stewart, and Ed Stewart; her grand-children Matt and Shelby Bowen, Drew Bowen, Thomas Martin and Andrew Carlson, Cullen Greene, Shelby Hersem, Aidan Hersem, Chris and Ashley Stokes, and Melissa Stokes; and five great-grandchildren Austin, Callie, Riley, and Zoey Stokes, Jackson Buck, and one great-granddaughter already on the way; her many nieces, nephews and extended family; and her dear lifelong friend, Mary Pianalto.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Belvie Lee; her siblings, Lucille Hackworth, Wanda Walker, Betty Sikes, Bill Owens; and her stillborn grandson, Josiah Hersem; and her loving extended family and friends, all of whom will happily welcome her in Heaven.

There will be a public visitation from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso.

Due to COVID limitations on gatherings and out of abundance of caution for all who loved her, we will be live-streaming the funeral service at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 15, 2021 via Facebook Live. We will post the link to this live stream as the service approaches.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Shirley's memory to The Mission, 11341 North Garnett Road, Owasso, OK 74055. The Mission serves people in Owasso and north of Owasso by offering hope, relationships and support by giving food, clothing, home and baby essentials and furniture for our local neighbors experiencing hardship.

Events

JAN **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Mowery Funeral Service

9110 N. Garnett Rd., Owasso, OK, US, 74055

JAN **Service** 10:00AM

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First Baptist Church Owasso

13307 East 96th Street North, Owasso, OK, US, 74055

JAN **Memorial Fund**

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The Mission

11341 North Garnett Road, Owasso, OK, US, 74055

Comments



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley June Stewart.



January 14 at 02:17 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley June Stewart.



January 14 at 10:47 AM



“ Shirley, I am so glad that I have all the wonderful memories that we shared over these last 60 years. The talks we had driving to school, being the two shortest people as we walked down the aisle to receive our diplomas from TU. Preparing for our girls weddings, the birth of Shelly, and all the other things that we shared. I will miss you so much. I loved you like a sister. You will always be in my thoughts. I am praying for comfort for your wonderful family. Because of the virus we were not able to go out on your 82 birthday. I am so sorry that we missed that time together.

Mary Pionalto - January 12 at 10:19 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley June Stewart.



January 12 at 09:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley June Stewart.



January 12 at 06:06 PM



“ Aunt Shirley trusted us bigger kids with all the younger ones. She was a brilliant mind, a kind soul but mostly a believer. Her light will always shine in my heart with loving memories. Tommy Joe is a lucky man. I love u & your girls forevermore.

sharon - January 12 at 05:52 PM



“ As a child and as an adult I passionately waited for the arrival of Tommy Joe, Shirley, Tammy, Cindy, and Shelly to family gatherings. Shirley was always all smiles and hugs when she entered the house. I remember her sweet stories of her little students from school. I remember how she could write word games for us to play. I also remember just setting around watching the love she shared for each of our babies as she cuddled them in her arms. I love you Shirley and I will miss you. God rest your soul until we meet again.

Janie Buck - January 12 at 12:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley June Stewart.



January 12 at 12:26 PM



“ Hey Dr Tom---So very sorry to hear about Shirley. Know this is a tough time for you and family. You guys are in our prayers. Hope to see you soon. Jack & Linda Woodward

Jack Woodward - January 12 at 11:32 AM



“ Connie Cook-Logsdon purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shirley June Stewart.



Connie Cook-Logsdon - January 11 at 11:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley June Stewart.



January 11 at 08:32 PM



“ DALE AND SUSIE STEWART AND FAMILY purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Shirley June Stewart.



DALE AND SUSIE STEWART AND FAMILY - January 11 at 08:27 PM



“ I will miss our long talks on the front porch and the wonderful advice given. Once a teacher, always a teacher.
Love Amber Frye

Amber Frye - January 11 at 12:50 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley June Stewart.



January 11 at 12:44 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Shirley June Stewart.



January 11 at 12:32 AM