Shirley Lonon McLarty

November 18, 1946 - February 7, 2022

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Shirley Lonon McLarty, 75, of Byhalia, MS, passed away at her home on Monday, February 7, 2022. The family will receive friends on Friday, February 11, 2022 from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm at Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 11:00 am at Byhalia United Methodist Church in the Flame. The graveside service will be held on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 2:00 pm at Mount Zion Cemetery in Oxford, MS. Reverend M.J. Pope of Byhalia United Methodist Church will officiate.

Shirley was born on November 18, 1946 in Memphis, TN. She was a member of the United Methodist Women and the Barton Community Club. She was also a 4H volunteer. Shirley loved flowers. Her hobbies included cooking, crocheting, and sewing. She loved her family and she especially enjoyed spending her time spoiling her grandkids.

Shirley is survived by her husband, Jerry Bedford McLarty of Byhalia; daughter, Janet Jolley (James) of Byhalia; sons, Jerry Carlos McLarty (Julie) of Olive Branch, and William Curtis McLarty (Marsha) of Oxford, MS; and grandsons, Brandon McLarty (Catie), Ben McLarty (Chandler), Blake Jolley (Kayla), Jonathan Jolley, Alan McLarty and Walter McLarty.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Flossie Myree Lonon and Robert Carlos Lonon; sister, Barbara Glenn and brother, Robert Carlos Lonon, Jr.

In lieu of traditional flowers, memorials can be made in her name to Byhalia United Methodist Church (www.byhaliaumc.org) or Old Methodist Campground (11 County Road 417, Oxford, MS 38655).

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Cemetery

99 County Road 2011
Oxford, MS 38655

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **11**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch
6815 Parkview Boulevard
Olive Branch, MS 38654
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Funeral Service

FEB **12**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Byhalia United Methodist Church
2511 Church Street
Byhalia, MS 38611

Committal

FEB **13**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Zion Cemetery
99 County Road 2011
Oxford, MS 38655

Tribute Wall

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Lonon McLarty

Coleman Funeral Home - February 10, 2022 at 09:58 AM

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From Steve and Carol Smith purchased the Faire st of All for the family of Shirley Lonon McLarty.

From Steve and Carol Smith - February 10, 2022 at 11:53 AM

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The summer after my junior year of high school my family traveled from Virginia to Mississippi to visit with my dad's cousin Shirley. Like the kudzo we saw all around, a budding romance with Southern literature was starting to creep into my heart and much of my mind. Imagine the delight when I told Shirley that Faulkner was my favorite author at the time. Shirley took us to Rowan Oak where Yoknapatawpha came to life and her enthusiasm matched that of mine. We travelled onward to Oxford and to St. Peter's Cemetery and she didn't balk when my parent's of strong Christian conviction allowed me to take a sip of whiskey and pour some upon his grave in respect. As a tour guide for my pilgrimage she knew more than any historical marker or pamphlet. She understood that places are more than just a show and a view. A walk down Beale Street is more than a walk. The ducks at the Peabody are more than mere entertainment. The mist on a boat ride down the Mississippi river is more than refreshing when you've never felt it.

Shirley opened my eyes and showed me that when you travel and you come upon a place, you take that place with you and you carry it. You carry the place when you experience it again it in the literature of a place. The music of a place. The culture of a place. The food of a place. But you must experience it. You must be willing to be open to the place and to open you heart and your mind. Shirley showed us her open heart, her open mind, and her open loving arms.

Upon arriving at her home after our long drive, Shirley served us a home cooked BBQ dinner. Naturally I placed coleslaw on top of my BBQ sandwich and was about to proceed when Shirley exclaimed that I was truly a Virginia girl. She said we might all eat our barbeque differently but one thing is for sure, we are all family at this table.

Crystal Timbrook Smith - February 10, 2022 at 11:03 AM

SA

Shirley loved serving…her family, her church, 4-H, school…anyone that needed help. A precious lady that will be missed

sandra - February 08, 2022 at 09:57 PM

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Coleman Funeral Home - February 08, 2022 at 06:27 PM

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Mr. Jerry, Janet, Carlos, and Curtis (and families) - please accept my heartfelt condolences and love for you all. It goes without saying that you are all my family and my heart aches with yours. I know that Shirley is in a better place, and fully in the arms of love. Yet, my heart grieves her loss. She was a second mother to so many people. I count myself among the blessed ones who learned at her feet, were comforted by her love, were kept on their toes by her discipline and humor, were grounded by her faith and steadfast belief in family, and who are better for having had her as a second mom (and sometimes a first mom). Love to you all - Angela Roberts (and Jack Scott).

Angela Roberts - February 08, 2022 at 01:55 PM