



Shirley Meekins

February 15, 1944 - October 16, 2023

Shirley Joleen Meekins, 79, passed away in Lakeland on Monday, October 16, 2023.

Shirley was born in Texas on February 15, 1944 to parents Elias and Jaleen (Green) Buzan.

She spent all of her childhood and young adult years in Texas, enrolling into cosmetology school right after graduating high school.

Shirley resided in California before settling in Lakeland 15 years ago. She was a member of Free Life Chapel. She loved cooking, sewing, and spending time with her family.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents and husband, Milton Meekins, Sr. She is survived by her children, Charles Meekins (Jo Ann), Kathleen Hendren (William), and Milton Meekins, Jr. (Channing); and sister Mary Ruth Davis.

Services for Shirley will be held on Friday, October 20, 2023 at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home, Serenity Gardens Chapel. Family will receive friends from 4:00-4:30PM, with funeral service to follow at 4:30PM.

Shirley will be laid to rest at Hooper Cemetery in Avon, North Carolina.

Cemetery Details

Hooper Cemetery

Avon, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 858-4474
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Meekins*



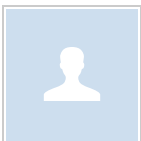
Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - October 19, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Meekins.*



October 20, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley Meekins.*



October 19, 2023 at 11:58 PM



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



October 19, 2023 at 06:34 PM



“ Jeff, Cora, Sophie Scott and Pat "Tish" planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Meekins.

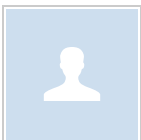
Jeff, Cora, Sophie Scott and Pat "Tish" - October 19, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ Jeff, Cora, Sophie Scott and Pat "Tish" purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Shirley Meekins.



Jeff, Cora, Sophie Scott and Pat "Tish" - October 19, 2023 at 01:05 PM



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



October 19, 2023 at 09:11 AM

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“ Angelo, and The Taylor Clan purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Shirley Meekins.



Angelo, and The Taylor Clan - October 18, 2023 at 04:46 PM



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



October 18, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Shirley Meekins.



October 18, 2023 at 07:46 AM



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October 17, 2023 at 09:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley Meekins.

October 17, 2023 at 08:16 PM



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“ My hope is that Shirley didn't suffer before her passing. Missed playing cards with everyone after I moved. So sorry Kathy, wished she could have stayed longer, she certainly loved you! Miss spending the good times we all had together, memories!

Sheila Rouillard - October 17, 2023 at 05:12 PM



Kathy and family, I am so sorry for the loss of Shirley. We were just talking about her at cards last Friday, saying how we missed her stories and laughter. Love and prayers. Brenda Hudson

Brenda J Hudson - October 18, 2023 at 06:18 AM

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I am so sorry to hear about the passing of my cousin. She was the undisputed queen of my dad's side of the family when we were growing up. I still remember the great man that was her father giving discipline and forgiveness for one of my acts of malfeasance when I was a little boy. When he was finished he laid the hammer down. I had to confess to Shirley and face her punishment. Her extra 10 years of wisdom was valued for my life- God Bless- Russell "Rocky" Anderson

Russell Anderson - October 18, 2023 at 08:54 AM