



Susan Eugenia Shirley

December 5, 1933 - May 13, 2024

Susan Eugenia Shirley, a beacon of love and generosity, passed away peacefully on May 13, 2024, in Summertown, Tennessee at the age of 90. Born on December 5, 1933, to the late Henry Spears & Ollie Williams Spears, in Hohenwald, Tennessee, Susan was the one of 14 children and the oldest daughter.

For over 30 years, Susan dedicated her skills as a seamstress to Henry I Siegel's, where she retired. Her work was not just a job but a craft she performed with love and precision. Susan's involvement in her community and church, the Baugus Church of God, was a reflection of her unwavering faith. She was a big Prayer Warrior, whose spiritual strength was the backbone of her family. She would always say, "If it's wrong, don't do it, if it's right, run to it!"

Susan's interests were a mirror of her soul: loving, kind, and giving. She was renowned as the best mother and friend, always extending a helping hand to those in need. Her fried pies were legendary, and her love for feeding everyone was matched only by her passion for gardening, canning, quilting, and sewing. Susan's care for the sick and her genuine nature made her a cherished figure in the lives of many.

She is survived by her son Steve (Tracy) Shirley, daughters Linda Tonguett and Charlotte (Kevin) Underwood, her brother Lawrence (Norma) Spears, and sister Edna (Pete) Potts. She was the proud grandmother to 10 grandchildren

Devin Shirley, Angela LaBue, Shane Shirley, LaCole Mast, Audreyanna Smith, Tristan Underwood, Crystal Jolly, Zoie Underwood, Zander Underwood, Alicia Shirley, and 10 great-grandchildren, with two more on the way, who will carry her legacy forward.

She was preceded in death by her husband Linnie "Peanut" Shirley, son Darrell Shirley & 11 siblings.

As the author Helen Keller once said, "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart." Susan lived by these words, touching the hearts of all who knew her with her loving and faith-filled spirit.

Visitation with the family will be held on Tuesday, May 14 from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Whispering Hills Church of God in Summertown, TN. Funeral Services will also be conducted at the Whispering Hills Church, on Wednesday, May 15 beginning at 11:00 AM, with burial to follow in the Baugus Church of God Cemetery.

McDonald Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Shirley family.

Cemetery Details

Baugus

741 Railroad Bed Pike
Summertown, TN 38483

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **14**. 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Whispering Hills Church of God
Summertown, TN

Funeral Service

MAY **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Whispering Hills Church of God
Summertown, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *McDonald Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan Eugenia Shirley*



McDonald Funeral Home, Inc - August 02, 2024 at 11:27 AM

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“ *THERE WENT THE ABSOLUTE MOST AMAZING WOMAN YOU WILL EVER MEET!!! I love you Granny!*



Audreyanna Smith - May 20, 2024 at 11:52 PM

VB

“ *Vicky Beagle sent a virtual gift in memory of Susan Eugenia Shirley*



Vicky Beagle - May 15, 2024 at 10:08 AM

MW

So sorry to see this. Prayers for her family. First time I ever ate watermelon rhine preserves she'd made some and had me try it.

Mike Webb - May 15, 2024 at 01:52 PM

PG

“ *For welcoming me into your home and letting me enjoy some of your light.*



Paul Godsey - May 14, 2024 at 05:34 PM

MB

“ *MICHAEL BATES sent a virtual gift in memory of Susan Shirley*



MICHAEL BATES - May 14, 2024 at 02:22 PM