



## Shirley Annell Smith

November 18, 1937 - June 12, 2024

Shirley Smith was born on November 18, 1937, in Omen, Texas, to William Monroe Cagle and Georgia Zelma Waye. She was the youngest of 10 siblings, all of whom preceded her in death.

Shirley is also preceded in death by her husband, Al, grandson, Justin Reno, and an infant granddaughter.

Shirley was a wife, homemaker, and mother to three daughters. She was known for her home-cooked meals, and no one ever left her table hungry. She would always fix your favorite dish or dessert if she knew you were coming. After the death of her husband, Al, Shirley pursued her love of bluegrass music. She honed her skills on the acoustic guitar and learned to play the stand-up bass at the age of 60. She loved to perform and traveled across the state in a bluegrass band with her long-time friend, companion, and singing partner, Rod Moag, who also preceded her in death.

Shirley is survived by her daughters Teresa South (Wayne), Lisa McKay, and Jill Penn (Richard), along with 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

To honor mother's love for her pets, please consider making a memoriam to your local animal shelter.

Please visit Shirley's online registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ I loved Shirley. It was always a memorable time when she came to our home. She was my Dad's sister ( Vernon Cagle )  
Donna Cagle

Donna G Masters - December 22, 2025 at 07:30 PM

GW

“ Guy Smith & Dianne Wylie lit a candle in memory of Shirley Annell Smith



Guy Smith & Dianne Wylie - June 22, 2024 at 09:57 AM

AJ

“ Shirley was my great Aunt. One of my favorite memories of her was when we were gathered at Grannies waiting on her and Rod. She got him in the house and hurried back out to her van to get her big 'ol stand up base. She wouldn't let anyone help her get it inside. I asked her what drew her to that instrument. She said her band needed one. She enjoyed filling the need. See you soon Shirley.  
Teresa, Jill and Lisa prayers going up

Angel Johnson - June 15, 2024 at 06:23 PM

TS

Thank you, Angel.

Teresa South - June 20, 2024 at 05:21 PM

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“ My Aunt Shirley, I can't believe she is gone, but I know in my heart that she loved Jesus and is probably singing and making music with all her brothers and sisters now. So many memories come to mind, but the first one would be when I was 10 or so and all the family came to our house with their instruments and a dish of food and would play and sing till the early hours. Most of the kiddos would finally lay on a pallet on the floor and go to sleep listening to their music or the noise of dominos shuffling for a 42 game. She always made anyone feel welcome in her home. She always had a smile and you would never leave until she fed you some of her incredible food and there was always desert. She was a very creative and loving person. She was so proud of her children and bragged on them often. Teresa, Lisa and Jill I am so sorry for your loss.

Linda Jenkins (Burton) - June 13, 2024 at 12:57 PM



“ Bruce Pessink lit a candle in memory of Shirley Annell Smith



Bruce Pessink - June 12, 2024 at 08:23 PM

KR

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of your sweet mother. I have the greatest memories of growing up with her next door. I remember the first time i saw her make homemade tartar sauce... Who knew it didn't have to come from a jar? LoL! So many wonderful and funny memories. May you find comfort in knowing she was loved and touched other's lives. Blessings for the family. - Krissa (Wakefield) Ferland.

Krissa - June 12, 2024 at 06:45 PM

SJ

*When I was little I thought Aunt Shirley was so mean, lol.. She was particular about things, very organized. I couldn't be more like her, lol..She kept an immaculate house, she always looked like she'd stepped out of a fashion magazine. She was a real lady. I remember her good cooking. Wish I'd inherited that trait. She sewed beautifully. I remember her singing, playing the piano, & of course the guitar, & bass too. She did all things well. Whatever she did she gave it 110%. She had such a good heart, she loved her family so much. She was proud of them, always praised their accomplishments.*

*My heart goes out to Teresa, Lisa & Jill, all her family, but filled with joy for Shirley. She knew Jesus, & her love for Him means she is with Him right now. Young again, beautiful & strong, no pain, no memory of any tears. Her body stayed here, but she moved out! Thinking of her seeing everyone today, her reunion with Grandma, Mama, all her sisters, brothers, Rod, her smile & her joy, that's what her world is now. I'm sure the Lord has prepared a very beautiful house for her, in just her style, and she'll be inviting everyone over for a meal very soon, and they'll be singing, playing and praising the Lord. I hadn't been able to see her in a long time, & I've missed her, but we have a reunion coming. She is gonna be one of the first ones I hug.*

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**Sandy Prowell Juntunen** - June 12, 2024 at 08:59 PM

SA

*I remember when Aunt Shirley gathered all the kids together when we were little, and she had a contest of who could memorize the books of the Bible the fastest. I think Dale and Lisa won but we all benefited because she taught us something about the Lord with this contest and she made it fun and it stayed with us in the years to come.*

*I remember her always smiling, especially when she came to visit Mama. She was a wonderful homemaker, loved her family, her children and the Lord Jesus Christ. She would make homemade soaps and candles for gifts out of the love in her heart which were so special to me. There's so many things to remember about Aunt Shirley! One of my favorite memories of how she and Rod came to sing and play at my wedding! It was wonderful! She made everyone feel special.*

*Now, they are both together singing again with no pain waiting for the rest of her loved ones to meet her one day. I pray for Teresa, Lisa and Jill that God will comfort you. She may be gone from here but she has moved into the presence of the Lord... And there's no better place to be!*

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**Susan Abbott** - June 13, 2024 at 12:04 PM