



Lawayne Shirley Reaves

September 14, 1950 - October 26, 2025

Lawayne Ponzell Shirley Reaves of Rockdale, Texas, was born September 14, 1950, in DeRidder, Louisiana to parents Ted Shirley and Minerva Perkins Shirley. She departed this life on Sunday, October 26, 2025. She leaves her husband, Lloyd Reaves, of 57 years along with children Michael Reaves, and wife Shawna, Angelia Reaves, and husband Craig, and David Reaves, and wife Jillian. Lawayne was preceded in death by one daughter, Wendy Kay Reaves. Grandchildren include Emma Metcalf and husband, Joshua, Kiersten Reaves, Dayne Kvalheim, Dahlton Schneider and wife Brittany, Dakota Pugh and husband, Christian, Julia Schneider, Jake Reaves, and Hannah Reaves. Great-grandchildren: Lillyan and Wendy Metcalf, James Schneider, Otto Pugh (expected any day.) Siblings: Don Shirley and wife, Claudette, Marlene Perry and husband, Sonny. Lawayne had many other family members including multiple cousins, nieces, nephews and many dear friends.

Lawayne's purpose in life was to first and foremost love the Lord her God and share His love with others. Lawayne became a Christian early on in life and was unshakeable in her faith. In addition to her love for the Lord, she had a great love for her family, which she showed by her generous and gracious heart. You never left Mom's house without a thoughtful little gift in hand. She always had something set aside just for you — a small reminder that she was thinking of you, and that her love followed you wherever you went.

Lawayne was a nurse by profession, having received her Associate Degree in Nursing from Temple Junior College. She was passionate about her patients and had only recently stopped working in the nursing field. Lawayne always saw “the least of these” and never hesitated to make them feel loved and wanted.

Lawayne was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Rockdale where she led a women’s Bible study group. She enjoyed serving others and sharing the message of Jesus Christ with everyone she could. Lawayne was known to buy Bibles at thrift stores, then distribute to churches, chapels and other institutions where they could be utilized.

Lawayne’s hobbies included crafting, sewing and bowling in tournaments, as well as traveling with friends and family. She enjoyed cooking and sharing meals with others. As a wife of a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, Lawayne had a heart for our military. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and donated to multiple charitable organizations that support veterans and active-duty military personnel.

If you would like to make a donation in honor of Mrs. Lawayne Reaves, please channel them to one of her favorite charitable organizations:

- Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Rockdale, Texas
- Still Creek Ranch in Bryan, Texas (stillcreekranch.org)
- Peacock Legacy of Hope in Bryan, Texas (peacocklegacy.org)

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home
1041 US-79
Rockdale, TX 76567-4513
(512) 446-5454

Church Service

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
3739 FM 1712
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I am truly sorry to hear about LaWayne, s passing. She was a wonderful person to work for. Beautiful inside and out. Sending prayers for her husband, children and those precious grandchildren and great grandchildren. R.I.P my friend ❤️🙏

Caroline Billig - November 26, 2025 at 05:50 PM

BS

“ Bubba and Paula Schultz purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lawayne Shirley Reaves.



Bubba and Paula Schultz - November 03, 2025 at 04:10 PM

TC

“ Terry & Ginger Richter & Jeannine Closs purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Lawayne Shirley Reaves.



Terry & Ginger Richter & Jeannine Closs - November 03, 2025 at 02:44 PM

TC

“ Terry & Ginger Richter & Jeannine Closs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawayne Shirley Reaves.

Terry & Ginger Richter & Jeannine Closs - November 03, 2025 at 02:44 PM

MR

“ Michael, Amanda, Chris, Natalie & Robert purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lawayne Shirley Reaves.



Michael, Amanda, Chris, Natalie & Robert - November 03, 2025 at 12:37 PM

MR

“ Michael, Amanda, Chris, Natalie & Robert planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawayne Shirley Reaves.

Michael, Amanda, Chris, Natalie & Robert - November 03, 2025 at 12:37 PM

GW

“ Lawayne you will be greatly missed RIP



Gloria Wall - November 03, 2025 at 09:48 AM

RS

“ Robin Sims planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawayne Shirley Reaves.

Robin Sims - November 03, 2025 at 08:11 AM



“ Robin Sims purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Lawayne Shirley Reaves.



Robin Sims - November 03, 2025 at 08:11 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lawayne Shirley Reaves.



November 02, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ 217 files added to the album LifeTributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 02, 2025 at 03:21 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Lawayne Shirley Reaves.*



November 02, 2025 at 12:46 PM



“ *Karey, Byron, Karen, Jimmy, Kevin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawayne Shirley Reaves.*

Karey, Byron, Karen, Jimmy, Kevin - November 02, 2025 at 12:46 PM



“ *Love, Jason & Randi Richards purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lawayne Shirley Reaves.*



Love, Jason & Randi Richards - November 01, 2025 at 11:55 PM



“ *Lillian (Alline) and Mike Bowers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawayne Shirley Reaves.*

Lillian (Alline) and Mike Bowers - November 01, 2025 at 09:51 PM

LB

“ Lillian (Alline) and Mike Bowers purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lawayne Shirley Reaves.



Lillian (Alline) and Mike Bowers - November 01, 2025 at 09:51 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lawayne Shirley Reaves.



November 01, 2025 at 04:04 PM

SL

“ Suzannah Leal and Von Leal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawayne Shirley Reaves.

Suzannah Leal and Von Leal - October 31, 2025 at 10:23 PM

JL

“ Josh & Becki Leal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawayne Shirley Reaves.

Josh & Becki Leal - October 31, 2025 at 04:19 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Lawayne Shirley Reaves.



October 31, 2025 at 04:19 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lawayne Shirley Reaves.



October 31, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“ Lawayne was such a sweet, kind and lovely lady and will truly be missed by all of us.



Judy York - October 31, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ Chris Thomas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawayne Shirley Reaves.

Chris Thomas - October 31, 2025 at 09:48 AM

CT

“ Chris Thomas purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of *Lawayne Shirley Reaves*.



Chris Thomas - October 31, 2025 at 09:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Lawayne Shirley Reaves*.



October 31, 2025 at 09:43 AM

AI

“ *Abiding Choice, Inc.* purchased the *Florist Choice Bouquet* for the family of *Lawayne Shirley Reaves*.



Abiding Choice, Inc. - October 30, 2025 at 04:11 PM