



Shirley Dement McKeown

May 8, 1935 - March 27, 2018

Funeral services for Shirley McKeown, 82, of Giddings, are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 30, 2018 at First Baptist Church in Giddings with Pastor Steve Knott and Tim Pitts officiating. Burial will immediately follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, March 30, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Shirley LaNelle Dement McKeown traveled on to her heavenly home on Tuesday, March 27, 2018. She left us peacefully after a brief illness, with her daughters at her side. Shirley was 82 years of age. Born in Smithville, Texas to Gilbert & Myrtle (Jackson) Dement on May 8, 1935. She was the youngest of five children. Shirley attended school in Smithville, Texas until High School, when she met her sweetheart and life partner Ronnie Lee McKeown of Giddings, Texas. They married very young and Shirley graduated from Giddings High School.

Shirley and Ronnie had three children and they lived in Giddings all her life. She worked for many years as Mr. Fred Willard's secretary and librarian at the Giddings Elementary School, while the children were in school. After that she followed a dream she had of owning her own beauty shop. Shirley graduated from Cosmetology College in Austin, Texas and opened her own beauty salon

in Giddings – The Pamper Palace.

Shirley loved the Lord and was a strong Baptist woman who raised her family in the Church. She loved singing the hymns, even though she herself would tell you she couldn't carry a tune in a bucket, but she made a joyful noise. She had the kindest heart and loved her volunteer work at Rejuvenation and the Food Pantry, until poor health forced her to stop. She worked diligently for the Lee County Historical Society and loved the Garden Club and Joy Group with the Baptist Ladies.

Shirley and Ronnie were both mightily involved in the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. She was so well versed in the OES work she knew it all by memory, an accomplishment that she was recognized for by Grand Chapter. They both loved their Masonic and Eastern Star families. If Shirley's banana pudding wasn't at a Masonic dinner there was usually an uproar. Mama loved to cook and was always experimenting with new recipes, with much success. Our favorites are still her old fashion fried pies and wonderful yeast rolls. She made the best wild plum jelly that we can only hope to duplicate. Her love was there in her cooking. Shirley had several physical ailments in the past few years that kept her almost homebound, but she bore these discomforts with strength, grace and dignity as always. She is free from pain and we are so thankful.

Shirley is preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Ronnie Lee McKeown; her parents, Gilbert and Myrtle Dement; her in-laws, Wise T. and Alice McKeown; three sisters, Marie Capdevielle (Leo), Dorothy Mikulenska (Gilbert) and Geraldine Gay (Bronson), and one brother, Carl Dement (Viola).

Left to cherish her memory are her two daughters, Deborah and Michael Horn of Midland, Texas, and Nancy McKeown of Giddings, Texas; son, Mark L. McKeown of Tompkinsville, Kentucky; granddaughter, Amanda McCue (Brian)

and great granddaughter, Bekah McCue both of Las Vegas, Nevada; two grandsons, Joshua Van Cleave of Giddings, Texas and Sean Booth of Giddings, Texas, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

We Love you Mama and keep you in our hearts until we are all together again.

Memorials may be made to St. Mark's Medical Center in La Grange, Hospice Brazos Valley in La Grange or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery (Section C)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-3113
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Family Present for Visitation

MAR 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAR 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Giddings
600 Sunrise Avenue
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Dement McKeown*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - March 29, 2018 at 10:25 AM

DH

“ *Missing you Mama*

*Love always,
Deb*



Deborah Horn - May 31, 2019 at 04:20 PM

MB

“ *Sorry to hear miss Shirley has passes. Even though I have not seen her in over 40 years I still have fond memories hanging out at her house while living in Giddings and going to school with Nancy. She always made me feel at home and it was like my second home. She will always have special place in my heart. Marina Lavin Bluhm*

Marina Bluhm - April 04, 2018 at 02:39 PM

LM

“ I was so sorry to hear that Charlie had passed I send you all my deepest sympathy. Your mother and I spent many hours working at rejuvenation together and shared many laughs and lots of recipes. Down always enjoyed invitations on Ronnie's chilly night. I know she will be missed very. sincerely .
Lavonne (Droemer) Morrow

Lavonne Morrow - April 02, 2018 at 07:19 PM

JH

“ Sincere condolences to the family.

Janis Hannes

Janis Hannes - March 31, 2018 at 02:51 AM

JH

“ Janis Hannes lit a candle in memory of
Shirley Dement McKeown



Janis Hannes - March 31, 2018 at 02:47 AM



“ Jane Scanlin-Tucker lit a candle in memory of
Shirley Dement McKeown



Jane Scanlin-Tucker - March 30, 2018 at 09:10 AM

RM

“ We are so sorry for your loss ...We love you Sister Shirely ♥She will be missed very much ♥ ...Sent with Love and Prayers, Roy and Lilly Mitchell



Roy and Lilly Mitchell - March 29, 2018 at 11:14 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - March 29, 2018 at 06:20 PM



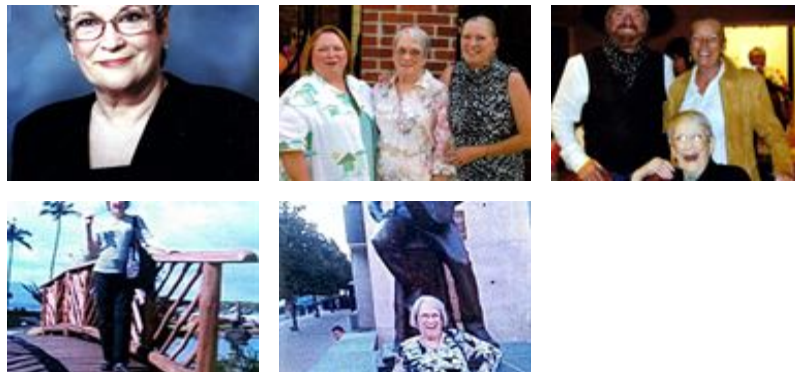
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Dement McKeown.



March 29, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - March 29, 2018 at 09:14 AM

 Shirley Paschal

“ So sorry for your loss!



Shirley Paschal - March 28, 2018 at 09:00 PM

RW

“ Sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Her and your father were lot's of fun when ya'll lived in that big house on Orange Street, the Koi pond was way cool!
Take Care Guys!
IHS: Richard Wieder



Richard Wieder - March 28, 2018 at 05:40 PM

JP

“ I send y'all my condolences for losing your wonderful mother. On a personal note, I enjoyed knowing both your mother and father. Your dad taught Sunday school class at First Baptist Church for me and my brother Les, along with other teen age boys. When he told us we would be his last class, we went out and bought him a whiskey flask. He had a great sense of humor and laughed out loud. He was a very good man. Your mother really was a mainstay at the Lee County Heritage Society. Her service kept it going far as long as it did.

John D Pieratt - March 28, 2018 at 01:21 PM

DS

“ Nancy, Debbie & Mark: I fondly remember the warm welcome Shirley and Ronnie always gave me. They were a lot of fun and I know you will all cherish the memories. Please accept my deepest sympathy on your loss.

Dawn Suehs - March 28, 2018 at 12:44 PM