



Shirley Wright

December 8, 1921 - April 5, 2020

Shirley Bryant Wright, formerly of Terrell, passed away peacefully on April 5, 2020. Shirley was born Dec. 8, 1921 in Detroit, Tx to Wallace and Airry Bryant, both of whom were there to welcome her into Heaven along with her many brothers and sisters and her beloved husband, A.L. Wright, who passed on Feb. 20, 2014 after 71 years of marriage together.

Shirley grew up and attended schools in Detroit and Deport, Tx, both little towns outside Paris. She then attended and graduated from Paris Junior College and then East Texas State Teachers College (now Texas A&M-Commerce) where she received her bachelor's in science degree. Shirley began her teaching career in a small two room schoolhouse in the Hovertown Community near Deport, Tx from 1942 to 1943. She then moved to the Crandall ISD school district in 1950 and worked there until 1970 where she taught high school English and then, later, began teaching 3rd grade.

Shirley's career took her to the Terrell ISD in 1970 where she again taught 3rd grade after which she became a reading specialist for the various campuses. In 1982, after almost four decades of dedicated service to students, parents and fellow teachers, Shirley retired to spend more time with her beloved husband and family. Shirley was a member of First Baptist Church in Terrell where she and A.L. had many treasured friendships. She also was a member of several groups including the Red Hat Society, Terrell Book Club and the Retired Teachers Association. Her faith for her Savior and her love for her family were the priorities in Shirley's life but her enjoyment of getting to know

her students and their families and build lifelong relationships were surely very important to her as well. Many students to this day credit Mrs. Wright with their love of reading and their accomplishments when they, with her gentle help and support, achieved their goals. A beautiful woman, inside and out, Shirley will be greatly missed by not only her family but also the many lives that she impacted in her calling of being a teacher.

Shirley leaves her memory to be cherished by her daughter, Sandra Lee Wright McDonald and husband, Jack, of Snyder, TX; grandchildren: Sara Elizabeth McDonald Youd and husband, Chris, of Atlanta, GA; sister-in-law, Dorothy Minter of Midlothian, VA as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and -nephews, extended family and a host of friends both near and far. A private graveside service will be held at D/FW National Cemetery where Shirley will be laid to rest with her beloved husband. For those who wish to make a donation in memory of Shirley's heart for others, memorials may be given to the Samaritan's Purse, at www.samaritanspurse.org .

Cemetery Details

Dallas/Ft. Worth National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Wright*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM

KM

“ My husband, Wagner, myself & daughter Kelsi, lived next door to Mr. & Mrs. Wright from 1996 to 2008. We loved them both so much. They were so kind & tolerant of our noisy family! Every summer I went to my secret home grown fruit stand & always brought them fresh fruits & veggies. They were so excited esp about the peaches. At Christmas they gave us access to their garage to stash Santa stuff for Kelsi & grandkids. Mr. Wright & I sometimes had races to see who could get yard mowed first. And get Christmas lights up in yard. We looked out for each other. All neighbors looked out for each other. Their dedication to education never let up. When came time for Kelsi to start semester at TVCC her grant money not arrived yet. Mr. Wright called me to come over. Asked how much she needed to get in school on schedule. I was so touched & overwhelmed I cried all over them. I sent Kelsi over to see them. She came home with a check & was quite humbled by their kindness. Her grant came a few days later & she promptly paid them back. During our house remodel I left Mr. Wright in charge of operations. When he came to see doctor I teased him about who was running the neighborhood if he wasn't there. Of all the neighbors I've ever had the Wright's by far the best. I loved them dearly. I was quite upset to hear Mr. Wright had passed & no one called Wagner & I. Poinsettia was a great neighborhood & I was broken to leave it & worried about the Wright's. Sandra, your mom & dad were very special. Many special memories with them. I've missed them all these years & they will be missed by everyone. Prayers for you & your family as you move forward without them.



Kenna McDaniel - April 19, 2020 at 09:06 AM



“ Shirley was such a darling sweet lady to our family. 2 door down neighbors for years....a life well lived. We loved her!

Don Burnes - April 07, 2020 at 11:23 PM

JC

“ Mrs. Wright was my 4th grade teacher and one of my favorites. She was a good teacher and I liked being in her class. Even at that age I was impressed by her poise and how she dressed. As opposed to the other teachers she always had style. Fly high sweet lady and tell Mr. Wight he was a great class sponsor for my class all through high school.

June Workman Cheema - April 07, 2020 at 03:41 PM

KB

“ Shirley was a class act! She was always so kind and nice to me and my family! And I love how she loved her clothes... such a flashy dresser with her rhinestones and jewels! I have missed her ever since she moved to Raider Ranch. It comforts me to know she is now walking the streets of gold!

Karen Brockway - April 07, 2020 at 02:21 PM

LB

“ Aunt Shirley you will be missed Love you LB& Norma Bryant

LB Bryant - April 07, 2020 at 01:02 PM

SB

“ Don and I moved to Poinsettia in the early years of our marriage and grew up with Shirley and Leroy. We ate together, took trips together and loved our times together. Our wonderful treasured memories with these two special friends will be in our hearts forever. Love you Sandy, Jack and Sara. Don and Suzie Burnes

Suzie Burnes - April 07, 2020 at 11:59 AM