



Shirley Crafton

September 19, 1934 - October 30, 2009

Shirley lived a joyous life with many friends and family and her kindness and humor will forever be a part of everyone who knew her.

Shirley was born Shirley Ann Tuggle to Owen Bertrand and Eunice Ross Tuggle on September 19, 1934 in Tampa, FL, where she lived until her family relocated to Evergreen, AL in 1944. Following high school, Shirley attended Auburn University in AL, where she was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi sorority. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education in 1955. Shirley met Robert W. Crafton in Pensacola, FL while Bob was in pilot training and she was a new teacher in her first position. They married June 22, 1957. She supported Bob as a Navy officer's wife until his retirement from the Navy as a Commander in 1977. Shirley taught elementary school in various locations and overseas until she retired in 1996 from Spring, TX ISD with 20 years of service. She and Bob spent a lot of their time in recent years enjoying their bay home on Swan Point overlooking San Antonio Bay in Seadrift, Texas.

Shirley is survived by her husband Robert of Sugar Land, TX; her son David, his wife Suzanne and sons Kenneth and Carter Crafton of Houston and Michael Hobbs of Knoxville, TN; and her brother Bert Tuggle and his wife Beverly from Gulf Shores, AL, their three sons and two daughters, along with a number of other relations and loved ones who reside in Florida and Alabama. Shirley is preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Susan Lynn and her son, Kenneth Bertrand, as well as her parents Owen and Eunice.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1400 Radio Lane in Rosenberg with Rev. Rhonda Detenbeck officiating. A private burial will be held at Houston National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 3, 2009 in the State Room of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

The family asks that any flowers be sent to First Presbyterian Church, 1400 Radio Lane, Rosenberg, TX or that, in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to the church's memorial fund in honor of Shirley Crafton mailing address: PO Box 1006, Rosenberg, TX 77471 or 281-342-2076.

Words of condolence may be left for the Crafton family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Service arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B. F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas, 77471, 281-341-8800.

Tribute Wall

RR

“ Dave,
Pam and I would like to let you know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Please let us know if there is anything you need.
Rich

Rich Ryan - November 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ Bob, I was sorry to hear that Shirley lost her battle. She will dearly be missed by her church family. we are going to dedicate the cantata this year in her memory because she loved our music. My prayers are with you and your children as you go through these days without her. She fought a good fight and cherish the times you had with her. May God watch over you and your children and grandchildren now.

Vicki Littleton - November 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ My prayers and thoughts are with Bob and David during this difficult time. I know that Shirley and Barb are probably comparing notes. I also know that both our girls would want us to move on and take good care of our remaining families. I hope to visit sometime in 2010 if at all possible so let us stay each other.

Wilton H McIntire - November 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Mrs. C will forever be remembered by myself and my family as a cheerful, upbeat and fun LADY to the core. She always had a smile on her face and a laugh to share. She and the entire Crafton family hold a dear place in our hearts. Our most heartfelt sympathy is with you during this difficult time.

Tom Allen Family - November 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Shirley was a lovely, beautiful person inside and out, so dignified and gracious, a classy lady, a woman of faith. We will miss her but appreciate having known her.

Charles/Randee Teykl - November 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Shirley was a ray of sunshine in our life. Always positive, she approached life realistically, but always with spirit and usually a dash of humor. We are so blessed to have been her friend and will miss this special lady very much.

Barbara and Ben Nurick - November 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Our deepest sympathies during your time of loss. Lori and Larry Micetich

Lori and Larry Micetich - November 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Bob and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Shirley is now a bright shining light in heaven and no longer suffering.

Ben & Lynn Bell - November 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM