



Shirley Norrell Summerour Dobbins

May 18, 1932 - August 19, 2020

Shirley Norrell Summerour Dobbins, 88, of Marietta, Georgia, passed away August 19, 2020. Shirley, the 9th child of Charles Henry and Azza Lee Summerour, was born in a home on Robinson Road in rural East Cobb in 1932. She grew up working and playing with her eight siblings on farms her father sharecropped during and after the Great Depression. Shirley attended the old Mt. Bethel Elementary School until the 8th grade. She then took a 96 mile round trip bus ride to Acworth High School from East Cobb graduating in 1948.

Shirley met and then wed her husband of 58 years, John Edwards Dobbins in 1950. Shirley retired from Lockheed after 25 years, with service separated to raise children. Shirley was a very active and devoted Southern Baptist and life long member of New Providence Baptist Church. Shirley taught Sunday school and played piano until her late eighties.

Shirley was also very active in the community. She was a member of the Marietta Glass Club, Sope Creek Garden Club, and a group called the Entertainers which performed for nursing homes and other events in the area. Shirley was the 2012 "Senior Citizen of the Year" for Cobb County. Shirley loved her flowers and organized the flower show for the North Georgia State Fair for many years; a show in which she won many ribbons.

Shirley was a faithful servant to God and all that knew her and she will be truly missed. Shirley was predeceased by her husband John, sisters Margaret, Blanche, Pauline, and brothers, Harold, Henry, Frank, Bill and Charles, Daughter in Law Penny Dobbins, Grandchildren Jennifer and Jacob. Shirley is survived by her children Sherman, Scott wife Darleen, Stacy wife Marci, and grandchildren Sarah, Shelby, John and Liza and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers Shirley requested donations to the New Providence Baptist Church Cemetery Fund. 3740 Providence Road, Marietta, GA 30062.

The family will have a viewing at New Providence Baptist Church from 10am to 11am, August 23, 2020, followed by a celebration of life service and then the burial at the

graveyard next to the church. Family and friends are invited to have a luncheon in the fellowship hall at 1pm. Historic Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home in Marietta is in charge of arrangements. 770-428-1511

Cemetery Details

New Providence Baptist Church Cemetery

3740 Providence Rd
Marietta, GA 30062

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Providence Baptist Church
3740 Providence Rd
Marietta, GA 30062

Funeral Service

AUG 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

VD

“ Shirley was a wonderful friend. She was so thoughtful, kind and always thinking of others. She brought joy and happiness to the lives of so many people. She and her family were so special to my family and I will be forever grateful. Sending Love to her Family, Virginia Day

Virginia Day - August 22, 2020 at 09:16 PM

KG

“ Shirley was such a great friend and good gardener. We will sorely miss her shining face at our garden club meetings and at the North Georgia State Fair, where she made all the flower show judges feel like they were welcome and wanted. Shirley joined the Sope Creek Garden Club in 1960 and so many of the members will remember her every time they visit their gardens which were enhanced by gifts of plants from Shirley's garden. I love you Shirley and will miss being with you.

Karin Guzy



Karin Guzy - August 22, 2020 at 03:17 PM

JM

Beautiful!!

Jenny Summerour McTaggart - August 23, 2020 at 10:58 AM

JM

Aunt Shirley became even more special to me in recent years, as she was the last living sibling in her family (her brother Henry was my grandfather). I enjoyed speaking to her on the phone and hearing some memories of what it was like growing up together in Marietta. Imagine how wonderful it is for her to be greeting her brothers and sisters, and their parents, at the pearly gates of Heaven! We will certainly miss her here on earth, but Heaven has gained a new angel. Love and sympathy to all her family.

Jenny Summerour McTaggart - August 23, 2020 at 11:41 AM

AE

“ Thank You, Lord, for the remembrance of our beloved Friend Shirley who is no longer with us. We will always remember her inspiring words, encouragement, love, and support. We are thankful for knowing her and having her love and friendship through the years. After the Entertainers practice on Mondays we enjoyed going to Wendy's near the Big Chicken for lunch. Shirley enjoyed talking about her faith. Bible prophesy and what was happening in the world were two favorite topics of discussion. At some of our performances Shirley portrayed the Mother Abbess from the Sound of Music by performing "Climb Every Mountain". She in her nun habit and her beautiful voice that fit the song so perfectly was an inspiration to all who saw and heard her sing this song.

Annette McEachin, of The Entertai - August 22, 2020 at 07:02 AM



“ I look forward to seeing Shirley again in glory! Her face was always shining with a wonderful light, I can imagine her now how her face shines closer to her Lord. Sending our love from Bosnia. Vanessa and family

Vanessa Jezdimir - August 22, 2020 at 02:17 AM

NS

“ Your generous heart and immediate kindness made me feel welcomed and loved, when you welcomed me into this close knit family. Laughter and generous deeds were what you did everyday. There was a sparkling river of music and praise that flowed through you, and it expressed itself in your piano music, which has blessed more people than can be counted...you played and sang with Charles, reveling in his powerful voice, and often played for him to sing solos. He said you were his favorite and best accompanist. I can only imagine the music there now... Thank you for the many kindnesses, for the flowers, for all the laughter, all the awesome, special foods, but most of all, for the love... Nell Summerour and all the family

Nell Summerour - August 21, 2020 at 10:49 PM

NF

“ Nell Summerour and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Shirley Norrell Summerour Dobbins.



Nell Summerour and Family - August 21, 2020 at 10:31 PM

DG

“ We loved Shirley, she will be missed! We have very loving memories of her and JohnEd. Sherman, Scott, And Stacy, you are in our thoughts and prayers! Love u all...Don & Greta Gantt

Don Gantt - August 21, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Norrell Summerour Dobbins.



August 21, 2020 at 04:44 PM

DS

“ Miss Shirley was one of my VBS teachers. She led me in the sinner's prayer when I accepted the Lord in June of 1970. She had a laugh bubbling from the joy within. Her smile would light up the room and her love of Jesus was evident in everything she did. I remember her fondly and kindly at the last gatherings when I saw her, in 2013. She was still effervescent and encouraging to me as she had been when I was a child.



Rest in the arms of Jesus Miss Shirley. We celebrate you home as we mourn our loss here.

Dimple Suit - August 21, 2020 at 03:43 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Norrell Summerour Dobbins.



August 21, 2020 at 09:52 AM

AC

“ She was my closest Aunt and we shared a lifetime of fun, discussing Scriptures, and making unforgettable memories. She was my life mentor and I will always cherish our talks and times together.

Audrey Summerour Callahan - August 20, 2020 at 11:27 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Norrell Summerour Dobbins.*



August 20, 2020 at 11:12 AM