



Dorothy Mae Shippen

July 3, 1923 - August 12, 2018

Dorothy Mae “Dot” Fendley Shippen born into time July 3, 1933 in San Antonio, Texas passed into eternity on August 12, 2018 at her home in Prattville, Alabama. She was the second child of five born to Tillie Mae Welle Fendley and James Robert Fendley. Dot received a B.A. in English from St. Mary’s University in San Antonio, where she met the love of her life, a dashing Airman named Samuel J. Shippen. They were married for 55 years and raised seven children together. Throughout her life, she was a loving mother and tender counselor to her children. After becoming a supervisor and underwriter in the insurance industry, Dot obtained a Master’s Degree in Adult Education from Troy University where she served as an instructor for a decade. Dot was a passionate leader and advocate for the poor, the imprisoned and those who were not literate. Her remarkable compassion was complemented by her sharp wit and intelligence. She was a deeply spiritual woman, who lived her faith out loud.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, James Fendley and Mary Fendley Bitsis, and her husband the Reverend Dr. Sam Shippen. She is survived by her sister, Betty Stein (Jarvis) and brother Mike Fendley. She is also survived by her children, Matthew Shippen, Dorothy Shippen (Jeff), Mark Shippen, Patricia Shippen Wieters (Drew), Louis Shippen (Carolyn), Peggy

Shippen, and John Shippen (Rebecca), her 11 grandchildren, Ben Wieters, Madison Wieters, Matt Wieters, Jennifer Wieters, Simon Kapler, Chris Shippen, Sam Shippen, Luke Shippen, Charlotte Shippen, Amber Hartley and David Hartley, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Thursday, August 16 at 6-8pm at Prattville Memorial Chapel with a brief service at 7:30pm. The funeral service will be at 11 am on Friday, August 17th at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Prattville, with burial to follow at Prattville Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, Dot requested donations to Alabama Arise, Motherhouse (Holy Trinity, Alabama), Aid to Inmate Mothers, and Renascence, Inc.

Cemetery Details

Prattville Memory Gardens

841 Fairview Avenue
Prattville, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Prattville Memorial Chapel and Memory Gardens
841 Fairview Avenue
Prattville, AL 36066
(334) 365-7147
prattvillememorial@live.com

Service

AUG 16. 7:30 PM (CT)

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Service

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph
511 N. Memorial Dr.
Prattville, AL

Tribute Wall

VH

“ *Dot was a wonderful lady & one of the best neighbors you could ever imagine, I'm going to miss her dearly, With Love & Prayers to all the family Vickie Headley*

Vickie headley - August 16, 2018 at 01:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Mae Shippen.*



August 16, 2018 at 12:48 PM

SB

“ *My memory of Dot was the influence she had on me when I first meet her and how I learned so much from her and Sam. My prayers are with her family . she will be greatly missed.*

Sylvia Lee Billiot - August 15, 2018 at 04:53 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy Mae Shippen.*



August 15, 2018 at 12:00 PM

BS

“*Dot was my beloved sister. She was the person I most admired in my life. She was a loving mother, wife and sister. She always had lots of friends. When we were growing up she always had friends over (more than the rest of us). She was an excellent student. I used to listen to her recite poetry and still have many of her favorite poems memorized. As a young woman she was a talented speaker and loved music. I remember many of the records she played on her record player. She was a profound thinker and would lie on her bed thinking, rehearsing and communicating with herself in a low voice while she would toss a wash cloth into the air above her and catch it on the way down. We all thought Dot would be a successful business woman and thought her career would be most important to her. We were mostly wrong, but not entirely. First of all she was a wife and mother to her 7 children whom she loved more than anything. She gave her talent to her children who all grew up to be so successful and so much like her and Sam. She loved God above all and it was shown in so many ways: the way she spoke, her kindness, her advice, how she lived (humble servant) and other ways only those who knew her would understand. She was a cheerful person always ready for a good laugh. I was so relaxed and entertained by her presence. I will miss her terribly*

Betty Fendley Stein - August 15, 2018 at 10:54 AM

TW

“*Sorry For Your Loss
Jesus Loves Me
I Am Special*



Thomas Widgeon - August 15, 2018 at 08:38 AM

LL

“ Prayers and love to this special family - you all were part of my extended “family” growing up. Mrs. Shippen was a strong Catholic influence during my teen years and she will be missed! Praying for the repose of her soul and for the entire family.

Linda Lee - August 14, 2018 at 09:37 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy Mae Shippen.



August 14, 2018 at 08:39 PM



Carolyn Shippen

“ My beautiful sweet Mother in Love. You will be in my heart forever.
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Carolyn Shippen - August 14, 2018 at 07:39 PM

BF

“ Barbara Smyth and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dorothy Mae Shippen.



Barbara Smyth and family - August 14, 2018 at 03:52 PM

BS

“ At one time Dot and her family lived on the same block as mine. What made this interesting is she had 7 kids and I had 6 and we were all catholic. There was no problem getting up ball game with this many kids. To this day some are still friends. Dot was involved in church activities, mainly charity and pro-life ministries. The largest was the St. Dismas Society for prison ministry that her husband Sam began. I got talked into the ministry at women’s prison, Tutwiller. That has created many memories all by itself. She was a good friend, a good mom. My heart goes out to you kids, your parents were very special. Dot will be missed especially in the St. Joseph Church family, we have lost another of our founding families.

Barbara Smyth

Barbara Smyth - August 14, 2018 at 02:01 PM