



Shirley Ann Wharton

December 11, 1937 - February 9, 2022

WHARTON, Shirley Ann Champion, 84, resident of Prattville, AL, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at Prattville Memorial Chapel at 11:00 am with Rev. Fred Bailey officiating. The family will receive friends on Sunday at Prattville Memorial from 10:00 am until 11:00 am. Burial will follow at Prattville Memory Gardens with Prattville Memorial directing. Mrs. Wharton won the Carnegie Bronze Medal for Heroism in February of 1962. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Irene Champion; daughter, Dawn Rye; grandson, Justin Daniel Rye; sister, Pheba Bouldin and brother, Joe Clelon Champion, Jr. Mrs. Wharton is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Don Wharton; son-in-law, Danny Rye; one grandchild, Kayla Berry; two great-grandchildren, Connor Rye and Sadie Berry and sister, Martha Joe Richards. Pallbearers will be Brian Stewart, Steve Richards, Neal Champion, Chris Champion, Morris Jones and Scott Bouldin. The family would like to extend a special thanks to Susan Stewart and the Baptist Hospice caregivers, Jackie, Judy, Tracey and Brandon. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her honor to Baptist Hospice, 2001 E. South Blvd, Montgomery, AL, 36116.

Cemetery Details

Prattville Memory Gardens

841 Fairview Avenue
Prattville, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Prattville Memorial Chapel
841 Fairview Avenue
Prattville, AL 36066
(334) 365-7147
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Service

FEB 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Such a sep is woman. I carry a special place in my heart for you and your husband. God be with him during this difficult time. Kayla and Danny my heart prays for your pain. I am glad she is able to embrace Dawn and Justin again. Until we meet her again, God be with you all.*

Irene Kohn - February 12, 2022 at 09:36 PM

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“ *Cindy Little lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Wharton*



Cindy Little - February 12, 2022 at 05:44 PM

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“ Dear Shirley, I thank God for bringing me into your & Don’s lives two years ago. You & I spent every Thursday together while Don went grocery shopping & ran errands. I fixed snacks for you & we visited at your breakfast table. You always offered me some of your snack, because you were so kind, thoughtful, & generous. Several times while Don was grocery shopping, I took you (wheel chair) in my car to the beauty salon to get your hair styled/trimmed. We also went to get your flu & two Covid shots; plus your booster. Don got his when he was out, but the three of us went in my car also.

Don did everything he could do to keep you as safe as possible at all times. You & Don have been homebound since your Alzheimer’s first began in May 2015. Ever since then, he’s been at your side 24/7 to ensure that no need went unmet for his Shirley. For the past two years, I have been blessed to assist Don with your care.

However, your condition significantly declined in the past five weeks. You required a hospital bed & puréed fruit which Don puréed just for you. He gave you medication to keep you peaceful & comfortable in minute amounts of fruit juice & water, so you would not be hungry or thirsty. Then, in the past several days of your life, when you could no longer swallow, Don gave you medication through a needle-syringe to keep you peaceful & comfortable.

In my 42 years as a RN & Hospice nurse, I have never seen such commitment, devotion, & undying love for a wife as I did from Don for his Shirley. Don & I stood vigil by Shirley’s bed the last night of her life. He gave her medication to keep her peaceful & comfortable. I left him alone at times with his Shirley, so he could express his love; comfort her; & give her permission to go be with her Jesus. “The greatest of them all is love”. 1Corinthians 13, that is Don!

Dear Shirley, May you Rest In Peace in the arms of your Heavenly Father.

With a broken heart, Susan Stewart

Susan Stewart - February 12, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Wharton.*



February 11, 2022 at 01:06 PM



“ *Mr. Don, we are so sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Shirley. I will always remember her for being such a great neighbor to Russell, Margaret, Anna Claire and Marlee. I will also always remember her for the big Braves fan that she was. She was kind and loving. I know you will have many sweet memories of her. Praying for you and your family. Vance and Susan Murdock*

Susan Murdock - February 10, 2022 at 07:03 PM