



Shelba Jean Pickard Key

February 27, 1937 - September 9, 2020

Shelba Jean Pickard Key passed away September 9, 2020, after a brief illness. She was born February 27, 1937, in Adairsville, the firstborn child of Wilburn Horace and Hazel Greenway Pickard. While still an infant, her family moved to her hometown of Louisville. After graduation from Louisville Academy, she attended the Georgia Baptist School of Nursing in Atlanta, where she became a registered nurse. Early in her career she worked for doctors in private practice as well as the Macon Hospital (now The Medical Center, Navicent Health). After moving to Eatonton in 1967, she stayed home to be a full-time mother and homemaker, before returning to work in 1976 as a public health nurse with the Putnam County Health Department. She loved her career and continued working into her mid-70's. She was an active member of Friendship Sunday School class at First Baptist Church for over 50 years. She put her faith into action over the years as she taught Sunbeams, helped with Vacation Bible School, and served on missions, bereavement, and other committees. Her dedication to her church and her service to the community as a public health nurse were an outward expression of her deep inner faith.

Her greatest pride and joy were her family. She is survived by her two daughters, Pam (Clayton) Lancaster and Laura (Frank) Thompson. Her grandchildren are Jake (Pete) Thompson, Katie (Edwin) Hanks, Ben (Melanie) Thompson, Maggie (Eric) Carpenter, Trey (Kaitlyn) Lancaster, Gregory Lancaster, and Martin (Lauren) Floris. Her great-grandchildren are Amelia, Caroline, Addie, Raiford, Rentz, and Charlie. She is also survived by her siblings, Janice (Don) Williams, Betty (Will) Culpepper, and Steve Pickard. A private family service to honor her life will be held at a later time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to any of the following: First Baptist Church Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 3400, Eatonton, GA 31024; or Extra Special People, Inc. (extraspecialpeople.com); or International Mission Board (imb.org)

Comments



“ I will miss Shelba. She was a lady in every sense of the word. She cared deeply for the people of First Baptist church and saw to a lot of their needs.

Sharon Thomas - September 10, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ Sincere condolences to the families grieving the immeasurable loss they suffered. Please accept my condolences. She was a wonderful lady.

Mike Allen - September 10, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ Ms.Shelba was a kind and beautiful woman, inside and out. She will be missed greatly by many friends and family. She will never be forgotten. Harold and our family send all of her family our sincere condolences. Much love to each one of you,

Melinda West

Melinda West - September 10, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ To the family of Shelba Key, Sometimes God send angels to help people @ to lead persons to GOD @ JESUS. Mrs Shelba was one of those angels. She was a great example to me @ my family. We will see her again. What a Grand Lady Karl Hieber

Karl Hieber - September 10, 2020 at 03:04 AM



“ Pam and family so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. She was a sweet and caring lady and I grew to love her while working with Dr. Palmer. My thoughts and prayers are with the family in this difficult time and the days ahead.



Fay Leverett - September 09, 2020 at 03:45 PM



“ Aunt Shelba was always so good to me. She ran across the yard one day and got on to me for riding my motorcycle with no shoes on! She always made me a German chocolate cake for my birthday. I am a better man for having known Aunt Shelba, and my prayers are with Pam and Laura and all the family. Well done, thou faithful servant!
Chip Walker

Chip Walker - September 09, 2020 at 02:35 PM



“ Chip, that's a wonderful tribute to Shelba... She was caring person and she showed that she cared for you.... May she RIP...

Linda McLeroy - September 10, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ It was my honor to provide her orientation to Public Health Nursing in 1976. She was a great lady who loved her family, community, and her church. We knew she was a Christian by the way she lived and practiced her faith. Rest in peace. Prayers for her beloved family and friends.

Linda Hubbard, MSN, Retired Nursing Director for the North Central Health District.

Linda Brookins Hubbard - September 14, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ My condolences to Shelba's family. She and I graduated from Louisville Academy in 1954. I treasure our conversation a few weeks ago. It had been awhile and we had a good time 'catching up'. Just as soft-spoken and sweet and kind as ever.

Sincerely,

Bebe Garrett

Barbara Garrett - September 17, 2020 at 01:31 PM