



## Shirley Vernell Shaw

December 30, 1936 - December 24, 2013

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Shirley Vernell Shaw went to be with her Lord and Savior early December 24, 2013 following a long illness at the age of 76. Shirley was born on December 30, 1936 at Mount Pleasant, Arkansas to Quimby Porter and Clemmie Vernell (Shirley) Shaw. In 1944, her family migrated to the Wenatchee area. For a short time the family lived in Orondo and then alternated between East Wenatchee and Wenatchee.

Shirley graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1954. She attended Wenatchee Valley Junior College where she received her Associate of Arts degree. After working a year, she attended Baptist Bible College in Johnson City, NY, earning her Bachelor in Religious Education degree in 1961. She received her Master degree from New York State College in Cortland, NY in 1963. She then taught elementary school in Millerton, NY, for one year. In 1964, she returned to East Wenatchee where she taught for 32 years in Kenroy and Lee Elementary Schools until her retirement in 1996. Shirley was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease shortly after her retirement.

She loved Bible study, praying, reading and listening to music. Shirley played the piano and organ in church, sang in the choir and taught some private piano lessons. Though she would never admit it, she was a good cook and seamstress. She was a member of Wenatchee First Baptist Church.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents and older brother, Powell. She is survived by three brothers and one sister. Brother Don (Lois) Shaw, niece Shawna (Kurt) Meek and grandnephew Joseph, grandnieces Cassandra, Rachel, Cheyenne, and grandnephew Joshua; nieces Shamra and Maureen Shaw; brother Darrell (Karin) Shaw; brother Ronald (Judy) Shaw and nephew Derek and niece Mindy; sister Charlotte (Leigh) Upchurch, nephew Byron (Shari), grandnephews Ryan, Ethan, and Brendan; nephew Bruce (Tina), grandnephew Jordan, grandnieces, Makaila, Kendra and Madison, and grandnephews Biniam and Tigabu; and niece Barbra Upchurch and grandniece Mindy and grandnephew Christopher Averitt.

The family wishes to thank everyone who made Shirley's life as comfortable as possible in her last months when she was unable to care for herself and in particular the care-givers at Cherry Lane Country Haven in East Wenatchee. Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at Jones & Jones ~ Betts Memorial Chapel with Pastor Jay Caron officiating. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online book at [jonesjonesbetts.com](http://jonesjonesbetts.com). In lieu of flowers friends may wish to make memorials in her name for typhoon relief for destroyed churches in the Philippines through the Antipolo Faith Christian Ministries Foundation in the Philippines, payable to Bethesda Baptist Church, 3434 Watkins Road, Columbus, OH 43207, with notation "for AFCMF Foundation," or charity of choice. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (PT)

Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Shirley taught me the love of reading. I remember her as kind and energetic. I will always be thankful to God for her.

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**Jim Jacobson** - December 19, 2021 at 09:10 AM

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“ Shirley taught all three of our children and remains one of their favorite teachers. She was the first teacher to encourage Jeff in his love of anything technology by letting him run the projector in the classroom. He is now a teacher who continues to teach technology to hundreds of students! We are thankful for her influence in our lives.

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**Ron and Lynne Mason** - January 08, 2014 at 12:52 PM