



Shirley Ann Taylor

Dec. 18, 1951 - Jan. 2, 2025

Shirley Ann Taylor, 73, of Morganton, NC, took her heavenly flight on Thursday, January 2, 2025 peacefully in her sleep.

Born in Burke County, NC on December 18, 1951, she was the daughter of the late Odell Icard and Azalee Annie Taylor Icard. Shirley was a member of Mt. Home Baptist Church and was known for her love of God, family, friends, life, and laughter. Her infectious smile would light up a room, and if you knew her you were blessed beyond measure. Shirley retired from Leviton – Southern Devices and enjoyed travel, Bingo, and thrift-store antiques. She also enjoyed collecting Pepsi-Cola salt and pepper shakers.

Those left to cherish her memory include her love of 34 years, Nathan Chapman; daughter, Tonya Wilson (Randy); grandchildren, Taressa Davis (Austin) and Caroline Clabaugh (Paxton, a.k.a. Billy); brother, Dean Icard (Vickie); sisters, Delores “Sissy” Cook (Tony) (her real life baby doll born on her 7th birthday) and Peggy Richardson (Bruce); sister-in-law, Vickie Taylor; nieces, Nicole Van Harken and Lindsay Moretz (Dustin); many cherished friends, some were very special, Brenda Osteen, Betty Bridges, Linda Prevette, Brenda Cornett, Jackie Greer, and Jenean Wilson.

In addition to her parents, Shirley was preceded in death by a brother, Clayton Taylor.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 5 p.m., Saturday, January 11, 2025 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, January 12, 2025 at Mt. Home Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. Ed Yount, Rev. Rocky Hartman, and Rev. Ethan Corner officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to [Mt. Home Baptist Church](https://mounthomebaptist.org) (mounthomebaptist.org) or to [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](https://stjude.org) (stjude.org).

"God called your name so softly that only you could hear, and no one heard the footsteps of angels drawing near. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home."

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Mrs Shirley was one of my most cherished Bingo friends. Her face always lit up when she spoke and most people would have never known of her pain. She was such a joy to be around and never had an unpleasant word for anyone. I could never go without a hug from her when she came to Bingo and I will truly miss those hugs of love and comfort that I always got from her. I cried at first but then I thought she is in a better place than I and her pain has been removed. No doubt that she will hear "Well done my servant" from the father, because her guidance was always positive. To the family and friends I will pray that the Comforter put you in his arms and hold you during your time of need while Mrs Shirley smiles down upon you all.

—Angela Dupree

I am still in shock to hear the passing of my dear friend Shirley. I worked with Shirley at Leviton over 22 years, the last several years in planning where a bond of several planners became close friends. When we all moved on or retired from Leviton, this group would meet every few months to have dinner and just talk and laugh. I will miss this time dearly. I love you Shirley and I will miss you terribly.

—Tina Minton

—Janet and Johnny Burnette

Sorry to hear of the passing of Shirley. Prayers for the families. Sorry I can not attend the funeral. Love you guys. Mom wanted me (David Vick) to send a message.

—Virginia Gay Vick

Shirley was a kind and thoughtful person that was a great friend to all. She will be missed by all who knew her. Becky and I always loved talking and working with Shirley because of her positive energy. She always brought a smile and a laugh to every conversation. We are praying for her family.

—Bradley Kincaid



Miss Shirley and I had a business relationship with some personal touch. She will be missed in our office. Prayers for comfort, acceptance, and understanding for her family and friends during this time. Such a sweet and caring lady.

—Nikki



It saddens my heart to hear of her passing. I had just met with her for her 2025 insurance needs the last part of 2024. Prayers for her family and friends to find acceptance, peace and comfort. She is sure to be missed by many.

—Senior Insurance Brokers

Nathan, I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. May God give you strength and comfort in the days ahead. I'll keep you and the family in my thoughts and prayers. Pat Simpson

—Pat Simpson

I got to know Shirley at work. I saw her many times after I retired and she always had that same sweet smile and friendly hello. She was such a good person and will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathy to all her loved ones.

—Linda Rector Berry

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and Nathan. We will miss our dinners with family get togethers. She was and now is a True Angel.

—Cyndy Tverberg



Beautiful lady. Prayers for her family. I've only known her for a short time but always had a smile on her face.

—Belinda P Johnson



I worked with Shirley for 20 plus years. That happy spirit of hers I wished could have spread all over the world it was beautiful with that beautiful smile. I loved her baking and she had shared her red velvet cake recipe that I still make today.

—Maggie



She was with me when I met my husband James. She and I hung out all through school. We were Best Friends. I Will Sure miss her. We had a lot of good times together. She will always be loved and I will be there for her family if they need me. Love, Rose Johnson

—Rose Johnson





—Anonymous



Comforting thoughts and prayers to all. May God wrap his arms of comfort and peace around each of you. Tonya, Taressa love you

—Sandra Williams



My thoughts and prayers are with the family and Nathan. Shirley will be a true ANGEL in Heaven because she was a true ANGEL here on earth. Enjoyed the years that I worked with Shirley at Leviton.

—Ida Pitts



We are so sorry to hear this. Our prayers and thoughts are with you through this sad time. May Gods Grace give you comfort for now and days to come. We love you all.

—Benny Childers and Barbara Childers



Aww my friend I hate this. We just chatted last week. You will be greatly missed.

—Ida Stamey

Shirley was a very sweet lady and always had a smile.I was Blessed to know and work with her.My thoughts and



Prayers are with those that survive her.May God give You Strength and Comfort in the days ahead.

Prayers for the family, I work with Shirley at Leviton She always had a smile on her face.She was such a sweet person.

—Mary Brown



Hey you were my mom's best friend all the way through school thanks for being her friend she is definitely going to miss you. We will miss you we love you. We were heart broken when we heard u were gone but you are in a better place and please give my dad a hug from me and tell him I miss him so much. I love you. I will see you again one day. Love Wendy (Rose's daughter)

—Wendy Johnson

Shirley Taylor a lady who always had a smile and an encouraging word. You will be greatly missed my friend.

—Jill King



—Edna Suttles



My thoughts and prayers are with you as you face this difficult time. May God Bless. I worked with her at Leviton, she was a special person and a dear friend.

—Barbara Nelson



So sorry to hear of Shirley's passing. I worked at Leviton Southern Devices with Shirley for many years. Praying for her daughter Tonya and grandchildren. Shirley could always make you laugh. I know she will be missed, she's at peace now in her Heavenly home. Linda Burnette

—Linda C Burnette



—Janet Baird

Delores and family so sorry for your loss. Shirley was a sweet and loving sole. She will be missed by many. Loved seeing her smiles. Bless you and family. Praying for strength. Cheryl Price.

—Cheryl Price



Shirley was a classmate of mine. She was always positive and her smile was contagious!!! I know she will be missed by everyone who knew and loved her!!! Those of us who know Jesus as our Lord and Savior will see her again one day!!! I am a better person for knowing her!!! Praying for God's peace and comfort!!

—Sharon Moore Lawson

So sorry .. Shirley was a special always smiling friend .. went through High School Salem with her she graduated year ahead of us ... but always remember her kindness ... always ask about school mates .. the class of 70 —. 71 was always close Prayers for hard days ahead .. May Gods Loving Arms wrap you in comfort .. Diane Duckworth Rhodes... Steve Rhodes

—Diane Rhodes



Shirley will be greatly missed. We became such good friends working in the planning department at Leviton. She become one of my best friends and I will miss her very much.

—Kim Gilbert

Praying for comfort and peace during this difficult time and the days ahead for this dear sweet family during!! Shirley was very special lady and could light up any room with her beautiful smile!! Sending hugs and love to the family!! Rest easy sweet lady!!

—Carolyn Stamey



SO SORRY FOR THE FAMILYS LOSS . I HAVE KNOWN SHIRLEY SINCE LATE 70'S GREAT FRIEND AND CO-WORKER . COULD GET ANYTHING ACCOMPLISHED WORKING WITH SHIRLEY. I MISS HER DEEPLY . PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY.

—DELORES CRUMP