



Deanna Shumate

October 20, 1944 - May 17, 2013

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Deanna Carole Owen Shumate, age 68, of Conway, passed away Friday, May 17, 2013. She was born October 20, 1944 in Birmingham, Alabama, a daughter of the late Adolphus Ewing and Harriet Thames Owen. She was a member of the Red Hats, First Presbyterian Church of Conway and the

following groups within the church: First Presbyterian Church Choir, Senior Adult Ministries, Wow Unite Program, and the Presbyterian Women's Group. Survivors include sons, Mark Shumate and wife Teresa of Morrilton, Mason Shumate and fiancé Cassie Sikes of Conway; grandchildren, Tiffany Pledger and husband Sammy, Kayla Bradley, Matthew Bradley, Haley Shumate, and Alex Shumate all of Morrilton; great-grandchildren, Brayden and Carson Pledger of Morrilton; and a host of family and friends.

Memorial Services will be held 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 24, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church in Conway with Rev. Drew Travis officiating.

Tribute Wall



“ *Deanna Shumate*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *To Deanna's family:*

God Be With you now and always.

REST IN PEACE SWEET FRIEND!

Carol Floyd Thompson - June 29, 2018 at 08:58 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family. Shared some time with her Friday night. She did enjoy the Reunion. Looked so nice in the Ensley "colors" of black and gold. She did have a good time and enjoyed herself. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Dorothy Stagg Ojeda - June 29, 2018 at 08:58 PM



“ *This was such a tragic ending to what had been a joyous reunion for all of us. Even though fifty years separated many of us, it was like we had seen each other yesterday. I am grateful that I spent time with Deanna. My thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.*

Helen Carlin - June 29, 2018 at 08:58 PM

CA

“ Sending my love and deepest sympathy...Our Ensley Class of '63 was so special and so close...being together after 50 years was in some ways more like a family reunion than a class reunion. Please know that we all share your grief in the tragic loss of your Mother ...We all felt your shock and disbelief and now we share in your heavy hearts...We will remember Deanna with love & much affection...May God be with you and guide you through the days ahead.

Carol Blevins Aldy - June 29, 2018 at 08:58 PM

GP

“ Deanna was one of the first of my classmates who greeted me when I arrived at our 50th reunion event Friday evening, May 17. We exchanged a warm hug - maybe two. While we didn't know each other well in high school (big class), we became better acquainted through the telephone and e-mail about 6 years ago as I was working on preparations for the 45th reunion. I met her face to face for the first time since high school at our 45th reunion picnic at Oak Mountain State Park near Birmingham. Later we became facebook friends. That Deanna's late husband was a pastor meant we had a lot in common: I am a pastor also. Deanna was a sweet, sweet spirit. I know she is with our Lord, but I will miss her very much. May God comfort her loved ones and her classmates through this hard, hard time.

Gene Pearson - June 29, 2018 at 08:58 PM

PP

“ To the family of Deanna Shumate, My prayers are with your family at this time as you grieve for such a dear sweet lady. I had only just got to know her a couple months ago but when I heard of her passing I was shocked and began to cry. Then I thought Deanna has her reward now in Heaven. I should be happy for her. She is happy, she is with God. I can't be sad. Yes we will miss her sweet smile and personality, but she's got her reward she has worked for all her earthly years. She's smiling.

Pam Piechocki - June 29, 2018 at 08:58 PM

MH

“ As I left the reunion I made a wrong turn and was on the lake road as well. It was blocked with police and emergency vehicles. All the way home I was afraid something had happened to a classmate. I was so saddened to find out it was Deanna the next day. I'm sorry I never got to speak with her that night. The family has been continually on my mind and in my prayers. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy.

Myra Sue Taylor Hughes - June 29, 2018 at 08:58 PM

DC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Dorothy Craven - June 29, 2018 at 08:58 PM

JT

“ As we all came in we all was exchanging hugs. I was so glad I got to see her and get one last hug from her . At that time I would have never thought that night would have ended in such sadness and tragedy. There were so many people at different tables and everyone was taking pictures of old classmates . Deanna stood at our table and was taking quite a few pictures . I was so glad to spend some time with her talking . I'm sending my heart felt condolences to Deanna's whole family . She will be greatly missed by everyone.

Jane Mitchell Teal - June 29, 2018 at 08:58 PM

JR

“ Deanna will be missed by all. I'm sure she is smiling down on us! I talked with her and sat with her as we had our Central Park Elementary School picture made. Everyone was so excited, enjoying the evening and looking forward to the picnic on Saturday...but God had other plans, he reached down and called Deanna home to have a picnic in Heaven! Know she is in a better place.. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jenny York Roberts - June 29, 2018 at 08:58 PM

KU

“ Ever since she came to the First Presbyterian Church in Conway I have had a great appreciation for Deanna. She has a beautiful voice as a singer, and a wonderful spirit as a fellow follower of Christ. I am so very sorry to lose her on all levels -- as a friend, a choir member, and a faithful disciple.

Ken Upham - June 29, 2018 at 08:58 PM

LW

“ My thoughts & prayers to the family of Deanna. I grew up knowing Deanna, we lived on the same street in Ensley Highlands. I also was her flower girl in her wedding! I have fond memories of her and her parents. I am so glad I was able to talk with her through FB. She was a very special lady.

Linda Weaver Woods - June 29, 2018 at 08:58 PM

DL

“ From the moment I met Deanna we were friends. You were a good friend, a wonderful Christian and just a nice person to be around. I know your family will sorely miss you and I will miss seeing you at our monthly dinners. I miss you so much already. May all the memories give your family solace during these times. God Bless You.

Debbie Langston - June 29, 2018 at 08:58 PM

CW

“ All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you.
Clyde and Sue Wills
Ensley High School Class of 1963

Clyde & Sue Wills - June 29, 2018 at 08:58 PM

SB

“ I was so sorry to hear about Deanna. Each of you are in my thoughts and Prayers during this time.

Shirley Harrell brown - June 29, 2018 at 08:58 PM

SS

“ My husband and I had planned to drive to Birmingham for a reunion with my cousins on Thursday and the EHS reunion on Friday night. Unfortunately, my husband came down with shingles and we had to cancel our trip. Deanna did attend the luncheon with my cousins and while there, she phoned me, then passed the phone around the table so that I could say "hello" to each one there. When the phone came back to her and as she was saying goodbye to me, she said "I love you" and I said "I love you too". Those were the last words we spoke to each other. I thank God for that.

Sue Shumate - June 29, 2018 at 08:58 PM

DS

“ We were friends from about 8th grade on. Went to church together, sang in the choir together at Hunter Street. Deanna sang at my wedding and I was in her wedding. She, bill and family visited us when we lived in Washinton, D.C. and she and Bill also visited us since we have lived in HSV. I went on a family vacation with her family to Williamsburg and Washington when we were in High School. She looked beautiful at the reunion and was taking lots of pictures for Sue to enjoy since she was not there. Our prayers are with the family at this time

Dona Nichols Sims - May 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Deanna and her two dogs were staying with me while she was in town for her high school reunion. I keep thinking I'll wake up from this nightmare. My only comfort is knowing she and Bill are reunited in Heaven. God bless Mark and Mason and all of their family.

Nancy Shumate Ridley - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM