



Mary Florence Shelton

October 2, 1944 - April 28, 2018

Mary Shelton, age 73 of Odenville, passed away on Saturday, April 28, 2018. She was born on October 2, 1944. Mary was confirmed in the church at Grace Episcopal Church Woodlawn at an early age and she loved the Lord with her heart and soul. Mary possessed a contagious smile and an entertaining sense of humor. Throughout her life, she maintained a sweet and simple demeanor that won the trust and hearts of many. Her signature gift of joy, shown through her constant smiling and laughter, will never be forgotten.

After attending Banks High School, she worked as a Legal Secretary until she retired.

Mary was absolutely devoted to her husband, children and grandchildren. She was married to John Shelton on May 5, 1967. Married for 50 years, John and Mary raised their 3 children, Janet, Jennifer and John David in the Birmingham area. She enjoyed spending time with her husband, children, 8 grandchildren and great grandson and her extended family and friends. Mary played tennis for 40+ years and was a constant presence at Linn Park, Ladies Interclub Tennis Association, USTA and Trussville Racquet Club. When she could no longer play, she enjoyed serving as captain for numerous teams, coordinating their matches and socializing with a great group of ladies. “Grandma” loved spending time at the beach with her family and friends playing late night games, especially with her grandkids, laughing, swimming, and fishing until the sun went down. She was an avid Auburn football fan and would defend her team until the end. Mary loved her family and friends with all

her heart and they adored her even more. She was a treasure on this earth and she will be greatly missed.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Sara Jones; her brother and sister in law, Dalton and Martha Ann Jones and one nephew, Chris Jones. She is survived by her husband of fifty years John Shelton; her children, Janet Thrasher (Jeff), Jennifer Clendenin (Chris) and John David Shelton (Rhonda); her grandchildren, Patrick Thrasher (Jill), Matthew Wilson (Tiffany), Joshua Wilson (Brittany), Corbin Clendenin, Vanson Clendenin, Emily Clendenin, Dylan Shelton and Josie Shelton and one great grandson, Kyle Wilson and many other family members and friends. Visitation will be on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 from 6 pm until 8 pm. at Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home. The funeral service will be on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 11 am at Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home with burial to follow at Elmwood Cemetery. James M. Smith officiating. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Bell Center.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

600 Martin Luther King Drive
Birmingham, AL 35211

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home
5360 Deerfoot Parkway
Mailing Address PO Box 118
Trussville, AL 35173
(205) 655-3444
<https://www.deerfootmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mary Florence Shelton.



May 01, 2018 at 05:48 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Mary Florence Shelton.



May 01, 2018 at 04:30 PM



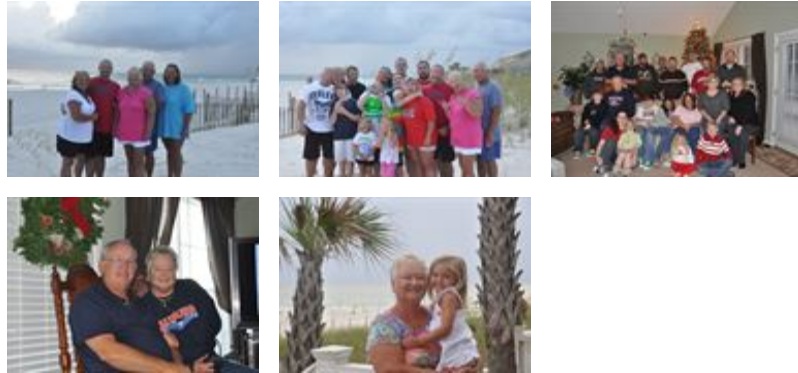
“ *Basket of Joy* was purchased for the family of Mary Florence Shelton.



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Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home - May 01, 2018 at 11:50 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Mary Florence Shelton*.



May 01, 2018 at 11:38 AM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of *Mary Florence Shelton*.



May 01, 2018 at 11:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Florence Shelton.*



May 01, 2018 at 06:08 AM



“ *I had only known Mary for two years but I will miss her dearly. We met through her 65 and tri-level tennis teams. I will always remember her kindness towards me, including me on her teams since I am not from the Trussville area. She included me on her teams that played in Gulf Shores and afterwards text me often as I went through the death of my mom in Sept and my dad April 12. You could feel her sincere kindness and appreciation for each individual she was around. I am praying for peace as you and your families walk through this difficult time. She will be greatly missed.*
Krista Welford

Krista Welford - April 30, 2018 at 06:49 PM



“ *What a precious person. I will always remember her sweet smile and kind personality. Looking forward to that day the Trumpet sounds and the dead in Christ arise and we meet in the air to be forever with Jesus. 1Thes. 4:13-17.*
Sandra Huey.

Sandra Huey. - April 30, 2018 at 03:09 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Florence Shelton.*



April 30, 2018 at 01:44 PM



“ *Lance Brady purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Mary Florence Shelton.*



Lance Brady - April 30, 2018 at 11:40 AM