



Shirley Wallace Clay

March 3, 1946 - June 18, 2025

Shirley Wallace Clay passed peacefully in her home on Wednesday, June 18th, 2025. She was born in Arab AL on March 3rd, 1946, to the late Rayburn C and Imogene Wallace.

She was preceded in death by Husband Ronald Clay, the love of her life; Her son, John R Smathers; Her sisters; Deborah Carney, Vicky Stephens, Brother; Ray Wallace

Survivors include her daughters; Melissa S. Smathers of Rome GA and Kathryn Cohen (Jake) of CT, Grandchildren; Tara Smathers (Brandon), Chloe Cohen, Aiden Cohen, and Brooke Cohen, Great Granddaughter; who she adored and helped name, Olivia Smathers and many friends and family.

Romans 15:13:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in hope.

Shirley was an amazing example of this verse and many more from the word of God. Throughout the seasons of her life, she never wavered on her walk with Christ.

She was an avid lover of gospel music, food, family, and friends. Shirley was quite the cook. The whole family would line up for her famous chocolate gravy

and biscuits. She was an animal lover. Whether a kitten, raccoon, or frog, you would always find her rescuing/caring for all God's critters. Shirley adored her church and community dearly. Her gentle spirit, love, and light will be greatly missed.

Celebration of life will be held on 06/28 at 3pm at Temple Baptist Church 30 Co Rd 1184, Cullman, AL 35057, as we honor her remarkable life.

In lieu of flowers, we're requesting donations to the "One Strong" ministry at Temple Baptist Church

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **28**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Temple Baptist Church
30 Co Rd 1184
Cullman, AL 35057
(256) 737-0112

Tribute Wall

BB

“ Mike and I loved Shirley, and Shirley LOVED our dog Sam, who shared and equal amount of affection for her. She told us that she always kept dog treats in a ziplock bag on her purse if she ran across Sam again outside Tractor Supply. It wasn't the treats he loved, it was her! We will miss her coming to the house to 'play' with all our animals, and her kind and gentle spirit.

Barbara Best - June 26, 2025 at 01:04 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Wallace Clay.



June 25, 2025 at 09:57 PM

JD

“ Shirley and I first met online, playing a game, and chatting in the chat box. We did this for a long time before I knew she was for real. In 2020, my husband Roger and I drove from Lake Charles, LA to Cullman, AL, and walked into Tractor Supply to meet for the first time, and she cried. We never visited again in person, but stayed in touch through telephone calls and Facebook. God rest your soul, Shirley, and I pray everyone cherishes their memories of you.
LOVE, Joanie

Joan B Dennen - June 23, 2025 at 10:54 AM