



Mary Elizabeth Shockley

April 26, 1943 - June 19, 2015

Mary Elizabeth Shockley, daughter of the late William E. and Gretchen Neoma Bernette (Carlson) Bills, was born April 26, 1943 in Corning, New York.

As a young girl, Mary moved to Springfield, Missouri where she grew up and graduated from Central High School in 1961. She continued her education at Evangel College and graduated with her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 1965.

After completing her degree, Mary began her teaching career at the Navaho Indian Reservation in Flagstaff, Arizona. She then moved to the Pulaski County area and taught school for 29 years with the Waynesville R-VI School District. She taught at Pershing and Partridge Elementary. Mary cared deeply for her students and spent long hours each day at school and even into late evening hours at home, in preparation for the next day. She retired from the school district in 1996.

While teaching at Pershing Elementary, Mary met the love of her life, a fellow teacher by the name of Robert E. Shockley. They were united in marriage on October 15, 1977 at the Assembly of God Church in St. Robert, Missouri. They shared over 37 years of marriage together and were blessed with two children: Rob and Mary Ann.

After retiring, Mary enjoyed going to the Warren Senior Center, playing games, volunteering at the center and was even elected queen at the center. In her younger years Mary played the piano and also played the clarinet while in high school. Mary greatly enjoyed traveling the countryside and was always in awe of God's beautiful landscapes. Most importantly, she loved being with her family. Mary was a loving wife and mother. She was a hardworking, humble woman and always considered others before herself, never wanting any attention.

At an early age, Mary made a profession of faith and was baptized. She was currently a member of the First Baptist Church of Richland where she was active in WMU, Valerie Seats. Mary also served in Awanas for 10 years in Sparks and also helped with VBS. She greatly enjoyed singing in the choir as long as she was able. Mary loved her church family and enjoyed helping any way that she could.

Mary went home to be with her Lord Friday, June 19, 2015 in the Richland Care Center of Richland, Missouri having attained the age of 72 years. She will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

Mary leaves to cherish her memory, her loving husband, Bob Shockley of the home; two children: Rob Shockley of Richland, MO and Mary Ann Matthews (Brian) of Richland, MO; one brother: Daniel Bills (Nancy) of Springfield, MO; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her father and mother-in-law: George and Gladys Shockley; and two brothers: David and Paul Bills.

Services were held at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, June 23, 2015, in the First

Baptist Church of Richland with Pastor Mark Tallent and Pastor David Brown officiating. Pianist, Marleen Brown accompanied both soloists', Vivian King as she sang "Beulah Land" and Georgia White as she sang "The Old Rugged Cross." Mary's brother, Paul Bills had written a song many years ago called, "Faith Can Light a Candle" that was also played during the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial contributions be made in memory of Mary Shockley and left at the funeral home.

Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Elizabeth Shockley*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - June 23, 2015 at 03:36 PM



“ *Mary Elizabeth Shockley*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *My family and I would like to offer our deepest sympathies to you and your family. We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are never alone. Turn to the Holy Scriptures for guidance and to help soothe your heart. Psalms 34:18 assures us that God is near to those broken at heart and crushed in spirit. Please accept our deepest sympathies.*

S Ford - June 24, 2015 at 10:58 AM



“ *Janis Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Shockley*



Janis Thompson - June 23, 2015 at 10:16 PM

JT

I was saddened today to hear of Mary's passing. I had the privilege of working together many years at Partridge School and send my condolences to her family.

Janis Thompson - June 23, 2015 at 10:25 PM

SB

“ *Bobby,Robbie and Mary Ann,I'm so sorry about your loss. Mary will be missed by so many. She was a great lady always having a positive attitude. I will always hold a place in my heart for her and your family. My prayers are with you all.*

Sheila Baranowski

Sheila Baranowski - June 23, 2015 at 03:40 PM

CS

“ *Carol Senor lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Shockley*



Carol Senor - June 23, 2015 at 09:18 AM



“ 98 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - June 23, 2015 at 08:19 AM

CF

“ *Chris & Helen Sasseen And Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Shockley*



Chris & Helen Sasseen and Family - June 22, 2015 at 10:57 AM

CG

“ *So sorry for your loss. Mary was a kind and good person. Prayers that God will help you through the difficult days ahead. God Bless you all.*

Carol Gideon - June 22, 2015 at 09:38 AM

MS

“ *MARLIN STEVENS sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Shockley*



MARLIN STEVENS - June 22, 2015 at 06:54 AM

PG

“ *Pulaski County Gideons lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Shockley*



Pulaski County Gideons - June 21, 2015 at 06:53 PM

MW

“ *We are so saddened to learn of Mary's passing. We are in prayer for all her family and friends who will miss her so much. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church and she will be sadly missed by all of us. We grieve with her family and pray for God's strength to sustain them through the difficult days ahead. We also pray for peace in their loss...the peace that only God can give. We rejoice with Mary at her home-going, and we know she no longer is hurting or in pain.*

Martin and Georgia White - June 20, 2015 at 11:51 PM

DH

“ *Debra Shaw- Helbig lit a candle in memory of
Mary Elizabeth Shockley*



Debra Shaw- Helbig - June 19, 2015 at 08:36 PM

DM

“ *Kenneth, Dalene McDaniel and Family
Sue Pentecost and Family*

Dalene McDaniel - June 19, 2015 at 06:33 PM