



## Shirley Guthrie

October 31, 1937 - June 27, 2006

Born October 31, 1937, Shirley was a lifelong resident of Tyler and East Texas. She lived vivaciously and touched countless lives with her warmth, generosity, great character, and immense love and spirit. She was always the first to lend a helping hand, look to others' needs before her own, and turn a negative experience into a positive one. Born during the tough times of the 1930's, her style, integrity, honor, and commitment to any and all tasks or persons made her a true saint in the eyes of many. She lost a courageous battle with cancer on June 27, 2006. She will be greatly missed, was deeply loved, and always cherished. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Wallace and Winnie Isbell. She is survived by her son Scott Guthrie and daughter-in-law Ellen Guthrie of Tyler, Texas; by her son Grant Guthrie of Austin, Texas and his fiancée Karen Urbanek of San Antonio, Texas; by three sisters Charlene Miller of Tyler, Texas, Billie McGrew of Maumelle, Arkansas, and Margie Gammon of Arlington, Texas; by numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews and countless friends and by her beloved Grand Dog, Mickey. Despite being raised in conditions of poverty Shirley overcame long odds and many obstacles to become a Legal Secretary for nine years (with self taught, at home training), the Administrator for David Fender and his various interests in oil, real estate, and banking, a top salesperson with Ben Fitzgerald Realty, a business owner of Nail Perfection, and a successful Sales Associate and Manager for AFLAC Insurance. Of all her many successes, she excelled most of all as a Christian, trusting in the Lord with all her heart mind and soul, as a

friend and neighbor, and as a Mom. Scott and Grant Guthrie could not have had a finer Mother. Shirley was a member of Rose Heights Church of God and loved the Lord deeply. The family wishes to express special thanks to Pastors James Dill, Doug Anderson, and Bo Richardson; to the entire Rose Heights Family; to Shirley's special nieces Shawn Gray and Sherry Allison, to Shirley's special friends Captain Robert (Bob) McNutt and Jackie Brasfield and to all the Doctors, Nurses, and Staff at Tyler Hematology, the 6th Floor of East Texas Medical Center, and Hospice Home Place of Tyler for their tender loving care during the past few weeks. You are all God's Angels here on earth. Pallbearers are Shane Gray, Steve Allison, Don Coughlin, Al Owen, Don Robert Johnson, and Mike Evans. Honorary Pallbearers are Bob McNutt, David Fender, Ben Fitzgerald, and Jake Mulford. A visitation is scheduled for Thursday, June 29, 2006 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy from 6:30-8 pm in Tyler, and the memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, June 30, 2006, at Rose Heights Church of God at 2120 Old Omen Road in Tyler. Flowers may be sent to Stewart Family Funeral Home or Rose Heights Church of God and memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of East Texas or the Aflac Cancer Center c/o Children's Health Care of Atlanta Georgia.

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ God brought our paths to cross one another and yes we were friends, surely we were more than friends. We were fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. She always brought smiles, sunshine, and an excitement for life whenever our lives crossed. She had such a zest for life and her zest just bubbled over onto whomever was around her. She was a Great mother to her children as that has plainly shown in her last days and months. A truly great example and inspiration for a "Christian". Shirley will be so missed but, what an addition to Heaven she has made!

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**Mike & Terri Harper** - June 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ May you have peace during your time of loss. You all are in my prayers. Shirley was a wonderful person.... one that is to well loved to ever be forgotten.

*All my Blessings,*

*Shawn*

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**Shawn Grammer** - June 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ I write to offer my sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. It is at times like this that we need comfort and support whether we are acquainted or not. Yes, when unforeseen circumstances befall us, and the enemy death strikes our grief can be great. It may even seem unfair that sickness, which can cause death, has the power to take away someone we love. I have found the Bible to be very comforting in this regard. At Revelation 21: 3, 4, our Heavenly Father has promised, in the near future that ?death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.? Yes, in the near future, Our Heavenly Father has also promised that there will be a resurrection: ?and I have hope toward God, which hope these [men] themselves also entertain, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous...” What a grand reunion that will be! You and I have the prospects of seeing our love ones again under the best condition possible, a beautiful Paradise earth; God?s original purpose for mankind. All of God's promises will come true, for it is impossible for Our Heavenly Father Jehovah to lie. Please look up the cited scriptures in your personal copy of the Bible. Once again, you have my sincere condolences -John 5:28 & 29, Psalms 37:29, Luke 23:43, Hebrews 6:18.

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**Denise** - June 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Scott & Ellen,

*You all are in my prayers! Through our mothers we shall remain friends. I thank God for the blessing of meeting the Guthrie Family. Stay strong and trust God always.*

*PS. Scott, I am sure that our mothers manison's are next door to each in heaven.*

**GOD BLESS**

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**BUFFIE GREEN** - June 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ Shirley was a wonderful fun person. It is a shame that part of her final tribute had to be a long drawn out story about 4"11" Paul being beaten up and imprisoned and fed garbage and having his head chopped off by an axe because there was no gilliotine A final tribute should be comforting and uplifting.

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**Gloria Isbell** - June 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ Charlene, Billie, Margie:

*May God bless you and Shirley's sons through this difficult time. I cannot tell you how deeply sorry I am. Like so many others who loved her, when I think of her, I think of FUN !! As we were growing up, she and I had so much fun together. No one could make you laugh like Shirley.*

*I am so sorry that I did not hear about her until this morning; I would have been there.*

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**Glenn Isbell** - June 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Mom was an amazing lady. She gave more love to more people than any other person I have ever known. When Mom gave her word you could write it in stone for it would happen: she was good to her word. Mom believed in laughter and in making the best out of every situation. Having grown up in poverty she knew want and she knew doing without; having been successful in business and in life she knew plenty and having much. Mom could relate to and talk to anyone and could be friends with millionaires or with poorly educated low income people. Mom tried to live by the Scriptures "Love one another as I have loved you" and by "What you do to the least of these you do to me." I love you more than I could ever say. I am SO PROUD of you. I thank God he gave me you for a Mom.

*I LOVE YOU, MOM! I will try to live in a way that would make you proud. Thanks, Mom.*

*Scott*

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**Scott and Ellen Guthrie** - June 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ See you in eternity!  
love, gay& sage

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**gay tyra** - June 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PQ

“ Thank you, Shirley, for your friendship. I'm going to miss you and no one will fill the void that you have left in my life. I've always admired you and loved you. You will always be my dahling Sunshine. I pray that when I'm older and my boys are grown that they will love me as much as your's do you. You are worthy of the honor given to you. God blessed me richly in a two line ad for part-time administrative help. I could never have known all the blessings attached to that little ad. I'm honored to have Sunshine in my life and I look forward to an eternity of Sunshine.

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. You make me happy when skies are gray. Thank you, Lord, for not taking my Sunshine away - she lives on all around me.

I love you, Shirley!!!

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**Pamela Quezada** - June 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Shirley was a beautiful person. We know God has lifted her into his embrace.

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**Billy and Lynne Black** - June 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Words could never describe the things Shirley has done for me or meant to me in the past year. She was an awesome friend, mentor, and encourager in my life. The phrase " Hello Darling!" will never be heard by my ears without a smile coming to my face, and wonderful thoughts and memories of my very dear friend. Looking forward to seeing her again someday, and so glad I know she has joined my cloud of witnesses that are cheering me on each day.

Much Love to a Wonderful Friend!

Jan Watson  
Longview, Texas

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**Jan Watson** - June 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM