



Shirley J. Lee

June 22, 1940 - May 12, 2019

A memorial service for Shirley June Lee, 78, of Tyler will be held on Friday, May 24, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Pollard United Methodist Church with Rev. Richard Luna and Rev. Stephen Rhoads officiating. Visitation is at the church one hour prior to the memorial service.

Mrs. Lee passed away Sunday, May 12, 2019 in Tyler. She was born June 22, 1940 in Dallas to W.C. McElroy and Leola Ford McElroy.

Mrs. Lee grew up in Midlothian and graduated from Midlothian High School as Salutatorian in 1958. In 1960, she married her high school sweetheart, James Lee of Waxahachie and moved to Memphis, Tennessee where James attended Optometry school. Shirley and James moved to Henderson in 1963, where they raised their family. While in Henderson, Shirley was an active member of First United Methodist Church, where she served on various church boards and committees and was an active member of United Methodist Women, Women's Forum, and Renaissance Club. After moving to Tyler in 1983, she was an active member of Pollard United Methodist Church serving on various boards and committees and serving in various leadership roles in United Methodist Women. She was a member of Pollard's Builder's Sunday School Class. She was also an active member of Tyler Women's Forum, Tuesday Reading Club, and the Lunch Bunch, as well as a volunteer for United Way, Salvation Army, and Creative Kids.

Mrs. Lee was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and loved spending time with her family and friends. She was an avid reader and mahjong player and enjoyed attending events at Tyler Civic Theater and UT Tyler Cowan Center. Her favorite times were holiday gatherings and backyard family barbeques.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dr. James M. Lee; and son, Jeff Lee. She is survived by her loving family including her sons, Greg Lee and wife Jolene, John Lee and wife Leigh, Robert Lee and wife Janice; and daughter-in-law, Julie Lee all of Tyler; grandchildren, Chase Lee and wife Rachel, Caitlin Tutt and husband Nick, Anna Lee, Reagan Lee, Jacob Lee, James Lee, Jordan Roberts, Peyton Roberts; great-grandchildren, Ella Lee and Audrey Lee; sisters and brothers-in-law, Sandy and Steve McMillion of Fairfield, Sherry and Charles Moudy of Arlington, and Shanna and Mike Pope of Allen; and sister-in-law, Iris Wilson and husband Charley of Waxahachie.

The family would like to express a special “thank you” to the caregivers at Azalea Trails Memory Care.

If desired, memorials may be made to Alzheimer’s Alliance of Smith County, 211 Winchester Dr., Tyler, TX 75701 or Pollard United Methodist Church, 3030 New Copeland Rd., Tyler, TX 75701 or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Pollard United Methodist Church
3030 Copeland Rd.
Tyler, TX 75701

Memorial Service

MAY **24**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AL

“ I did not know Ms. Lee; however, I am reading a book that has a Shirley J. Lee’s address on the inside cover:

*Shirley J. Lee
3938 No. Western Ave.
Chicago 18, Illinois*

I was wondering if this is the Ms. Lee that resided at this address. If so, I just wanted to let the family know that her memory lives on!

*My condolences,
Ann*

Ann L - April 17, 2020 at 10:08 PM

CB

“ Shirley was an inspiration to everyone who knew her. Her thoughtful, caring spirit was always a source of encouragement to this reticent high school classmate. We will all miss her grace and charm.

Charles M. Baldwin ('58 MHS)

Charles M. Baldwin - May 20, 2019 at 01:28 AM

JH

“ She was a beautiful girl and lady. She was so nice to everyone.

John A Holveck - May 19, 2019 at 09:14 PM

JW

“ *Was so saddened to learn of Shirley’s passing.
I was in Tuesday Reading Club with her for several years . Such a
sweet quiet spirit. My thoughts are with you as her family.*

Joanne Williams - May 15, 2019 at 12:56 PM