



Shirley Mae Baber

August 13, 1941 - November 19, 2022

Shirley Mae Baber, age 81, of Blacksburg, Virginia, finished her earthly work on the 19th day of November, 2022.

She was born in the community of Level Green in Craig County, Virginia on August 13th, 1941, to the late Billy Thomas & Christine Baber.

She is survived by her three loving and diverse sons, Ashley Thomas Dudding of Yorkville, Illinois, Travis Clark Dudding of St. Catherine's Ontario, Canada and Jonathan Clay Dudding of Christiansburg, Virginia, daughters-in-law, Kristin Dudding, Roya Mir and Deborah Kirby and grandchildren, Kaitlyn Brooke Dudding, Caleb Thomas Dudding and William Thomas Dudding, her sister, Barbara Baber-Martin and brother-in-law, Larry Martin of Christiansburg, Virginia, niece Sally Ann Howard and nephews Chris Myers and Brad Martin. Barbara was a pillar of support and compassion in the months and days leading up to her sister's passing. William Thomas Dudding, her ray of sunshine and gift from God was a blessing in Shirley's life. The two spent the last eight years molding their special friendship and strengthening each other's walk through life.

Shirley worked 42 years for Virginia Tech, including time spent as former University President Dr. T. Marshall Hahn's secretary. She was proud to grow her career with the University and spoke often and fondly of her friends,

colleagues, and students that she met throughout her tenure. The joy she felt from her work with Virginia Tech was something that prevailed in her mind, even up until her final few days, despite her retirement years prior from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

She was welcomed to Heaven into the loving arms of those that preceded her in death: her grandfather and grandmother, Benton P. and Dove Mae Fisher, her parents, Billy Thomas (who she had been anxious to see again for a long time) and Christine Baber, her sister, Judy Myers and grandson, special angel, Joshua William Dudding.

The family will receive friends at 11 am on Friday, November 25th, 2022, at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive SW, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060 with a service to follow at Noon. Graveside service will follow at the Level Green Christian Church Cemetery in Newport, Virginia.

Shirley's two most favorite things, Carol Lee Donuts and coffee, will be served prior to the service.

Cemetery Details

Level Green Christian Church Cemetery

3388 Cumberland Gap Road
Newport, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

NOV **25**. 12:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall



“ 3 files added to the album *Other*



Chris Myersq - November 29, 2022 at 10:00 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae Baber.



November 23, 2022 at 07:22 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae Baber.



November 22, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ Shirley was the kindest soul anyone could have met. my dad mowed her yard for years and cleaning up her leaves. She would always come out and talk to us and offer us something to drink or eat. me and my sister helped her clean her house when she needed it and was always so thoughtful and kind. we will miss your beautiful smile as always, and your kind heart. Rest easy dear one, you will be missed!!

Amber Bruggemann - November 22, 2022 at 05:18 AM



“ I saw Shirley at the Mt. Tabor Fish Fry this past summer. She was with her grandson, and she looked stunning. My mother, Sylvia, and her grew up together in Craig Co. She always called me "Punkin", remembering my nick name. Shirley, your smile and kind ways will surly be missed. Rest in peace dear one.



Diana Albert - November 21, 2022 at 06:22 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Shirley Mae Baber.



November 21, 2022 at 01:36 PM