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Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

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Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Ann Coleman*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Such sweet memories of this beautiful lady. She loved each and every baby she cared for and was so gracious to her coworkers. She will be missed. Prayers of comfort to her family.*

Debbie Grisham - January 04, 2016 at 10:32 AM



“ *One of the very first people I met when I came to Huntsville Memorial in 1979 was Shirley. As I was being introduced to the staff, it was with great pride that they (actually I think it was Anne Karr and Dr. Barnhart) introduced me to "the woman who has nurtured and cared for most of the babies born in Walker County; she has even saved preemies by feeding them with an eye dropper!"*

What a joy and pleasure it was to work with her and know her for so many years after that. She had an instinct for those babies, and if she said "you better come look at this baby," then you'd better go because she was never wrong! She was kind and loving and the epitome of a "team player," but even more, she was a wonderful person, loved by so many. My condolences to the family, there will be a big void in your lives, and she will be missed by many. Thank you, Lord, for the life of Shirley, and may she enjoy being in Your presence, and even seeing many of her "goobers."

Sharon Wade - January 04, 2016 at 09:23 AM

SH

“ Shirley was the kindest person I know. She cared so much for everyone but especially her "goobers". She was one of the first to love so many babies in Huntsville and the surrounding area. They were her own for a little while. I was privileged to know this amazing woman. Her smile was one in a million.

Sheree Hardcastle-Stump - January 03, 2016 at 05:49 PM



“ Rest in paradise aunt Shirley! You were loved very much and will be missed dearly!



Elizabeth Hightower - January 03, 2016 at 03:38 PM

DR

“ Donna Roberts lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Coleman



Donna Roberts - January 03, 2016 at 03:22 PM



“ What do you say about such an amazing woman... I remember in nursing school she was so encouraging to us and taught me more about newborn care than any book could have and then after graduation when we worked together I really saw the depth of her heart. She did love her babies and thought of each one as a part of her own. When my John was born most assumed since I was a nurse I would know everything but I was scared to death. Shirley came in to talk to me and calmed me down, reminded me I wouldnt break him, and that the one thing he needed the most was love. She was a force of nature and this world will miss her: her heart, her laugh, her smile and her love. I feel it a privilege to have called her a coworker and friend.

Terri Bohanon - January 03, 2016 at 03:11 PM

BP

“ Beverly Pegoda lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Coleman



beverly pegoda - January 03, 2016 at 02:57 PM

ER

“ Edna Roman lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Coleman



Edna Roman - January 03, 2016 at 07:24 AM

CF

“ Crabb Family lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Coleman



Crabb Family - January 02, 2016 at 10:21 PM

CF

Shirley was the best nursery worker at HMH-spoiling all the babies before anyone else could.

Crabb Family - January 02, 2016 at 10:24 PM

SH

“ Sheree Hardcastle-Stump lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Coleman



Sheree Hardcastle-Stump - January 02, 2016 at 07:13 PM



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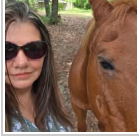


Terri Bohanon - January 02, 2016 at 05:27 PM

BB

Thank you, Terri. You know she always loved your mother.

Barbara Brophy - January 02, 2016 at 10:30 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Teresa Coleman-Stout - January 02, 2016 at 03:26 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Brophy lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Coleman*



Barbara Brophy - January 02, 2016 at 02:05 PM

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Barbara Brophy - January 02, 2016 at 01:50 PM

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Mellicent Sikes Wiley - January 03, 2016 at 11:58 PM

SS

“ *Sue And Pat Sprott lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Coleman*



Sue and Pat Sprott - January 02, 2016 at 10:01 AM

MW

Shirley was such a blessing with each of my four children. You could look at her and know she loved her job and truly cared about each baby at the hospital!!!

Mellicent Sikes Wiley - January 03, 2016 at 11:51 PM