



Shirley Ann Hardy

March 21, 1936 - August 29, 2021

Shirley Ann McKenzie Hardy, 85, of Huntsville, Texas, passed away on August 29th, 2021, in Huntsville. She is preceded in death by her husband of 47 years Garland Presley Hardy, her son Gregory Paul Hardy, her parents Sidney McKenzie and Artie Gage McKenzie, her sisters Ruth Moser, Sue Nash and infant Audrey, her brothers Murphy, S.L., Austin, and Martin McKenzie.

Shirley was born and reared in Tennessee Colony, Texas, a graduate of Palestine High School. Shirley began her career at Southwestern Bell, where she met her Prince Charming, Presley Hardy, through his sister, a coworker/roommate. They were married on September 29, 1956, McAllen, Texas, before settling in Huntsville in 1962.

Shirley is survived by her brother Jerry McKenzie, and sisters-in-law Sue Hardy, Janell Cech, Carolyn Brookins; her daughter Cynthia Hardy; her son Roland Hardy and wife Kristy; three grandchildren Elizabeth Henneke and husband Keith; Cade Hardy and wife Nikki, and Emily Hardy and partner Sara Vreeland; two great grandchildren Hardy and Hunt Henneke; her best friend Hurlene Savage; and many very special nieces and nephews.

Shirley retired from the Walker County Sheriff's Office in 1998, after almost 30 years as a Deputy Sheriff, many of them as a Sergeant. During this time, she raised her family and became a sponsor of the Christian Youth Fellowship.

What started out as a temporary position became a career worthy of Shirley's fiercely organized mind and dynamic and outgoing personality. After retirement, Shirley and Presley planned to travel and live the country life.

Unfortunately, Presley passed away in 2003; and Shirley reinvented her future and herself. She became a fitness coach at Curves Workout for Women, joined the Optimist Club, led the Salvation Army's local efforts, and volunteered at the Friends of the State Park.

Shirley will be remembered for her intense love of travel. She traveled throughout the continental United States, explored Europe and her Scottish heritage, and became a lover of cruises. She and her traveling buddies, Hurlene and Cindy, especially loved Alaska and brought family and friends to share that majestic landscape with them.

Shirley will live in the hearts of the many whose lives she touched, from her family, who centered their lives around this deeply charismatic, strong woman to her friends, who loved her zest for life and thirst for adventure.

The family extends its thanks to St. Joseph's Hospice and Shirley's nurses Millie, Sabine, and Jessica.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm and services will be Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 2:00 pm, both being at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. Burial will follow at Brooke Cemetery.

Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Brooke Cemetery

672 FM 980
Huntsville, TX 77320

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Funeral Service

SEP 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Ann Hardy*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Ms. Shirley is and was an angel with her wit, warmth, and love. She always stepped up to our world and cared. Bless all her family, and friends...I know she went with God. Jan Hill*

Jan L. Hill - September 04, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ *Shirley was such an integral part of helping so many people in our community. She will be missed for who she was and how she loved her family and others.*

Sally Dowis - September 03, 2021 at 09:25 AM



“ *Cindy, Roland, and family, we are so sorry to hear about Mrs. Shirley. She was a very special lady and will be missed. May God comfort you all.*
Sharon & Don Burton

Sharon Burton - September 01, 2021 at 10:00 PM



“ *Condolences and Prayers to the family of Mrs. Hardy. A very kind and humble lady. God Blessings of strength and comfort to you all.*



H Jones - August 31, 2021 at 11:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Hardy.*



August 31, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ *Shirley was the go to girl for Walker county she knew how to get things done and always put her best efforts to good for the county I miss her she was one of the Best!!*

A. Peters Linda - August 31, 2021 at 06:34 PM



“ *Ramona Ready Koch lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Hardy*



Ramona Ready Koch - August 31, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ *Shirley was the WCSO Secretary (and deputy) when I worked as Reserve Deputy 1980-95. She was such a kind and helpful lady. Her husband was a great man also. God bless the family.*

David Henderson - August 31, 2021 at 12:12 PM

FE

“ My heartfelt condolences to Shirley’s family. She was one of my favorite cousins. I was always ready to go with my mother to visit Aunt Artie And Uncle Sidney because I would get to see Shirley. She grew into a woman with the warmest and welcoming woman personality ever, she sparked. Our contact in recent years has been infrequent but I am truly saddened by her loss.
Frances Morris Ellington.



frances Ellington - August 31, 2021 at 12:03 PM

DE

“ Rest in peace Shirley Ann. It is hard to believe I've known the Hardy's since 1991 as a college student, then later living next door. Ms. Hardy was one of a kind. She was full of spirit and a loving 2nd mom. Oh the stories she's told me over the years while sitting on her couch or on the back porch rocking chair! She had me in laughing so hard I was in tears. I remember the first time I saw her drive up and get out of a cop car in her uniform with a big gun on her hip like it was yesterday. Words can't begin to express how much she will be missed, however I know she is now with GP and Greg. My heart is with Cindy, Roland and the rest of the family at this time.

denise - August 31, 2021 at 11:46 AM

LH

Hugs and Prayers for the family. Shirley was a lovely lady who was so friendly and sweet. She will be missed by all her friends and family.

Lynda Henry - August 31, 2021 at 02:07 PM

MH

“ *My prayers to Shirley's family and friends for strength, comfort, and blessings.. She was a wonderful lady and friend I enjoyed the time we had and memories. Always there to help those asking for help. A special crown for a special lady.*



Marvin Hyvl - August 31, 2021 at 11:31 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Hardy.*



August 31, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ *When I was a young dispatcher @ HPD the apartment below mine caught on fire and I answered the 911 call!! She remembered a fire from her childhood and came to me like a mom would. From that moment on she adopted me and watched out for me. When I went to work for TDCJ my co-workers were SO impressed when Warden Hardy called me on my first day to welcome me. They both meant the world to me and I'm sorry to see the world must survive without her wonderful smile and compassion.*

Dena Byrd - August 30, 2021 at 07:06 PM

JP

Mrs Hardy was one of a kind. She was always ready to help in any way she could. She was a true law enforcement officer, professional in every way. She was dearly missed upon her retirement from the Sheriffs department, but went on to do even more good for the community. She will be missed

Jerry Peterson - August 31, 2021 at 11:59 AM

SB

Shirley and I were good friends long years ago. She will be missed by a lot of folks. May her family receive peace and strength from our Father for the days ahead.

sara bartee - August 31, 2021 at 12:04 PM

DE

She was one of a kind! You couldn't help but love her. She will be missed by so many! Hugs and prayers.

Dee Everett - September 07, 2021 at 05:22 PM