



Shelby Jean Shuffield McWha Langham

July 8, 1940 - November 15, 2019

Shelby Jean Shuffield McWha Langham, age 79, passed away November 15, 2019, at Willard Walker Hospice House in Fayetteville.

Born July 8, 1940, Shelby grew up in Bismarck, Arkansas, the daughter of Harvey and Cordelia Shuffield. She is preceded in death by her parents; siblings C.O. Shuffield, H.L. "Sonny" Shuffield, and Gennieeve Jackson, and her first husband, Bennie McWha.

Shelby married Bennie McWha on November 2, 1957, at Oaklawn Baptist Church in Hot Springs, Arkansas. After graduating from Bismarck High School, she took seminary classes while assisting Bennie with his ministry. Together they had three children, and Shelby worked in the home caring for their family. They served together in ministry in Japan and Russia, and in Indiana, Texas, Michigan, and Arkansas. Over forty-seven years of marriage, their family grew to include nineteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Bennie and Shelby were members of Fellowship Bible Church in Springdale and enjoyed spending time with family and working until Bennie's passing in 2005.

Twice blessed, Shelby's second marriage took place on October 10, 2010, when she married Claude Langham of Fayetteville. Shelby gained a family by her marriage, adding Claude's children and their families to her own. During their nine years together, they enjoyed travelling and working on various projects. Claude and Shelby attended Fellowship Bible Church faithfully, and Shelby enjoyed being active in Bible Study Fellowship until prevented by her declining health.

Shelby leaves behind a beloved brother and sister, Paul Shuffield and Joie Stephens; her children, Ernie McWha and wife Debra, Carrie Bennett and husband Ken, and Diane Burns and husband Jimmy; Claude's children, Ron Langham and wife Debbie, Linda Rogers, and Douglas Langham; five additional grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 – 6:00pm on Monday, November 18, 2019, at Nelson-

Berna Funeral Home in Fayetteville. A memorial service will be held at 1:00pm on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at Fellowship Bible Church at 2000 W. Emma Ave, Springdale, AR 72762. A private family burial will be held at Fairview Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to BSF International at (bsfinternational.org).

Cemetery

Events

Fairview Memorial Gardens
1728 East Mission
Fayetteville, AR, 72703

NOV 18 **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

Nelson-Berna Funeral Home & Crematory
4520 N. Crossover Rd., Fayetteville, AR, US, 72703

NOV 19 **Memorial Service** 01:00PM

Fellowship Bible Church
2000 W Emma, Springdale, AR, US

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Nelson Berna Funeral Home - November 18 at 01:26 PM



“ Dear McWha/Langham Family,
I had an opportunity to work with Mrs. Shelby at Pat's Gift Shop sometime in the early 2000s. She was such a kind hearted friend and I loved getting to know her. Many times afterward I ran into her at homeschool events and Fellowship Bible Church. She was so precious and I know she will be missed by her loved ones. May you find consolation in the anticipation of seeing her again in eternity. Oh what a day that will be!
With sincere sympathy,
Julie Nichols



Julie Nichols - November 19 at 08:02 PM



“ I attended the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and played for the Lady Razorbacks in the early 1980's. John Sutherland was the assistant coach and attended Central Baptist Church.

Diane Burns invited me to church and I never looked back. I was baptized by pastor Bernie and Shelby did one on one bible studies with me. Fast forward almost 40 years later and I am living in Wisconsin and running youth basketball programs (Higher Level Camps) and living each day for Jesus. God has used me in ways in never thought possible to lead others to Christ, but it all started with my time in Arkansas and The Central Baptist Church Family.

We also would do Sunday lunches after church with the McWha's. Their hospitality was 2nd to none. Well done good and faithful servant.

Thank you for investing in this Yankee and there are glorious days ahead for all

eternity when we will be worshipping with Pastor Bernie and Shelby.

Blessings to All of You

Cheryl Orcholski Mohr

Cheryl Orcholski Mohr - November 19 at 04:23 PM



“ I watched this beautiful lady as she and her family exhibited the true love of Christ and become a mentor for young families as ours. My parents traveled to Japan to encourage them. What a wonderful tribute to her loved ones. We shall gather around the throne once again and worship together.

James E Gill - November 19 at 03:54 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shelby Jean Shuffield McWha Langham.



November 18 at 08:19 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Shelby Jean Shuffield McWha Langham.



November 18 at 11:32 AM



“ White Sympathy Standing Baskets was purchased for the family of Shelby Jean Shuffield McWha Langham.



November 18 at 11:13 AM



“ Shelby was a very special, Godly lady. Proverbs 31 describes her best. She was a very influential friend to Denise and me.

mickey - November 17 at 11:29 PM



“ Shelby was a wonderful hostess. I was always made to feel like part of the family when visiting her home. While I was in Japan, I remember those early morning calls to come over for breakfast. Those calls were a great start to my day. Shelby, I'll never forget the warmth of your home.

Karla Kincaid - November 17 at 06:14 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Shelby Jean Shuffield McWha Langham.



November 17 at 06:08 PM



“ Shelby has been my Mother figure, my friend and my sister in Christ.....she will be dearly missed. You are a huge inspiration to me and my sons, I loved you so much.

Debbie Langham - November 17 at 03:33 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Shelby Jean Shuffield McWha Langham.



November 16 at 02:59 PM



“ This is the last text message I have from my Grandmother Shelby, and I will always cherish these words of wisdom, they speak to who she was! “I'm praying for you. I know God has a very special place for you. Sometimes it just takes a while for us to get connected to it. Keep trusting as you walk ahead. He is right there with you. He never leaves us or forsake us. He is your guiding Shepherd. I love you.”



Mary-Lottie McWha - November 16 at 02:32 PM