



Shirley "Shirl" Gay King

September 13, 1949 - May 9, 2025

Shirley "Shirl" Gay King, age 75, of Russellville, passed away on Friday, May 09, 2025, at her residence.

Shirl was a member of Tharptown Baptist Church. She was a licensed RN who felt like nursing was a calling, a real caregiver, and had a heart for people. She liked fishing, Michigan Wolverines football, Russellville High School football, and loved mission work. She was a simple, easy-going lady, and she would always tell you to choose whatever. When asked how she was doing, her answer was always "I'm fat and sassy. Her best friend was her four-legged buddy, Tim.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her husband of 55 years, O'Neal King; grandson, Christian King; cousins, Imogene Baker, Diane Denson, Anita Coffman; and four-legged best friend, Tim.

She was preceded in death by her sons, Kevin O'Neal King, Johnathan "John" William King; and parents, W.H. & Excelia "C-Bow" (Byrd) Gay.

The visitation will be 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at Spry Memorial Chapel. The funeral will be at 12:00 noon with Bro. Eddie Garner and Bro. Jim Lumpkin officiating the service. The burial will be at Franklin Memory Gardens.

The pallbearers will be Bryan Woods, Ryan Woods, Darrell Fuller, and Christian King.

The family would like to thank the bath aides, caretakers, and our special nurse, Greta Boutwell with North Alabama Hospice for the care shown to our family. Also, we want to thank our church family at Tharptown Baptist for your kindness, Shirl's Sunday School class teacher, Mary Ann Clement, and the ladies of the class for your unwavering faith, prayers, and visits. Donna King, we appreciate your willingness to always help Shirl.

Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family. To give private condolences, please visit our website at www.sprymemorialchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Franklin Memory Gardens

2710 Waterloo Rd
Russellville, AL 35653

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Spry Memorial Chapel/ Funeral Home
907 Jackson Ave S
Russellville, AL 35653-2625
(256) 332-1122

Funeral

MAY 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

Spry Memorial Chapel
907 South Jackson Avenue
Russellville, AL 35653
(256) 332-1122
sprymemorialchapel@yahoo.com

Tribute Wall

CP

“ Cindy Porter lit a candle in memory of Shirley "Shirl" Gay King



Cindy Porter - May 15, 2025 at 12:38 PM

CC

“ Shirl was such a very special lady. She always made an impact with her loving, happy attitude. She will be missed by all that crossed paths with her. I am sure that she is very happy in her healed body, sitting with her boys and Jesus. Prayers for O'Neal during this difficult time.

Connie Cole

Connie Cole - May 13, 2025 at 07:57 AM

LC

“ SHIRLEY WAS ONE SPECIAL LADY. WORKED WITH HER AT WRANGLER.

LAURA CHAMBLEE

LAURA CHAMBLEE - May 13, 2025 at 06:54 AM

DM

“ Donna Minter lit a candle in memory of Shirley "Shirl" Gay King



Donna Minter - May 13, 2025 at 01:02 AM

DK

“ I know you are walking with your Lord & boys. You will be truly missed here. Your Faith & knowing the Bible will always be with me. The one you always told me you missed, is also with you. I know I will see all of you again. You were a Blessing to me. Thank you shirley King.



Donna King - May 12, 2025 at 05:56 PM

JM

Sorry Oneal for your loss. You and Thomas will need to spend some time together; he's at a loss without Doris. Go to church at Rockwood with him.

Jane Keeton McManus

jane Keeton McManus - May 13, 2025 at 10:19 PM



“ 42 files added to the album Life Tributes



Spry Memorial Chapel - May 12, 2025 at 04:43 PM

JP

My sweet friend, Shirley, how you will be missed. You were one of a kind, one that we all enjoyed. I remember when we had our business classes together with about 20 of us. It created a close group that I enjoyed so much. I always loved your smile and kind personality. I look forward to seeing everyone in heaven. 🌹

Jennie Davis Prince - May 13, 2025 at 03:20 AM



My condolences to Shirley's family. I remember she was so good at sports - everyone wanted to be on her team in gym class. She was a friend to all from Grace Bearden Wells

Grace Wells - June 21, 2025 at 01:55 AM