



## Mrs. Fredia Shumate

September 11, 1928 - August 24, 2021

Fredia Katherine Lee Shumate, 92, died Tuesday, August 24, 2021, just 18 days before her 93rd birthday. Fredia (pronounced Freda) was born at home in the Sulphur Springs Community of South Rusk County. She was the third child of John Thomas (JT/Tommy) Lee and Ethel Lea Sears Lee. She attended school in Sulphur Springs Community until her family moved to Mt. Enterprise in 1942. She graduated from Mt. Enterprise High School in 1946. She was a well regarded athlete particularly in Volleyball where she played on a coed team. She said "it was really easy because all you had to do was stand in front of the net and raise your hands". She worked in the Mt. Enterprise Golden Rule Store as a high school student where she met her future husband, Thomas, who came in to buy thread for his mother. She graduated in 1948 from Tyler Commercial College in Tyler. She later worked for Paul S. Colley Sr, an attorney in Henderson. She and Thomas Lacy Shumate (nickname Son) married on October 22, 1949. They were blessed with four children, Joe Edward Shumate, Robert G. Shumate, Ethel Ann Shumate-Steuer, and Malinda Kay Shumate-Elmdahl. She lived in Mt. Enterprise until they moved to Corpus Christi in the summer of 1957. They returned to Sulphur Springs Community in 2007. Thomas passed away March 8, 2008.

She worked outside the home at least part-time most of her married life, primarily at the USDA Cotton Classing Office, starting in 1958, initially in administration and later as a cotton classer. She was in the first USDA Cotton

Classing Training that allowed women. After receiving this training in the 1970's, she won awards for speed and accuracy and traveled to various cotton producing states to class cotton. She continued to work and travel for the USDA until she was 76. She was active in her church, McArdle Road Missionary Baptist Church in Corpus Christi for 40 plus years. She held various positions at church including treasurer and secretary. She was also super organized and liked everything clean. "Everything had a place and everything needed to be in it's place". She also said "a woman could waste her life in the kitchen" so she only cooked 4 meals a week and leftovers were eaten the other days. Her husband Thomas never complained about her food. She loved to sew and do hand work. She sewed most of her own clothes and her daughters' clothes. She said sewing relaxed her. She also found that raising four children was challenging especially when they reached their teen years in the late 60's and 70's.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, her sister Mahdeen Lee Craycraft (Mt. Enterprise,) and brothers Neal (Corpus Christi, Victoria and Shiner) and Charles Lee (Mt. Enterprise).

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Mary Beth Lee of Mt. Enterprise, her four children (Joe (Kim), Bob (Julie), Ann (Don Steuer) and Kay), 11 grandchildren (Gerald Shumate, Jennifer Shumate-White, Alyssa Shumate, Robert A. Shumate, Lee Steuer, Mark Steuer, Kelsey Christie McKinzey, Lindsey Christie Christensen, Tommy Christie, Ben Elmdahl, Joey Elmdahl), and 10 great grand children (Shelby McKinzey, Abbey McKinzey, Guy McKinzey, Caleb Christensen, Titus Christensen, Malachi Christensen, Asher Christensen, Tucker Christie, Coral Christie, Gwendolyn Christie).

A special thanks to all the staff at Stallings Court Nursing and Rehab Center (Nacogdoches, TX), her church Sulphur Springs Missionary Baptist Church, family, and friends.

Funeral services for Mrs. Shumate will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at Sulphur Springs Missionary Baptist Church in Mt. Enterprise with Tommy Christie and Rev. Marshall Moorhead officiating. Interment will follow at King Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, August 27, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Tommy Christie, Thomas Gerald Shumate, Robert Aldon Shumate, Gregory Dean Lee, Jeffrey Scott Lee, and Charles Wayne Lee.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## King Cemetery

FM 3055  
Mt. Enterprise, TX 75681

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 27.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 S. Main St  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Service

**AUG 28.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Sulphur Springs Missionary Baptist Church  
17564 CR 3227 S.  
Mt. Enterprise, TX 75681

# Tribute Wall

PT

“ Was so sad to learn of the passing of Freda. Last time i went by nursing home i was informed i needed to call ahead at least 24 hours, so i just went outside her room and waved. Was such a shock when she became my mil roommate at nursing home to learn that she was my dad's first cousin. Didn't know her years but loved her sweet demeanor the few years i did. Hated that covid prevented me from visiting more. RIP Freda!

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**Pam sears taylor** - October 25, 2021 at 06:18 PM

RJ

“ Joe, my sincerest condolences on the loss of your mother. I hope you are doing well.  
Rick Jones

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**Richard Jones** - September 18, 2021 at 01:40 AM

SA

“ Prayers and Sympathy to the Shumate Family during this sad time of grief and loss.

Regards,  
Sam Adams  
Tatum, Texas



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**Sam Adams** - August 27, 2021 at 10:25 PM

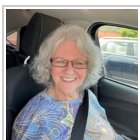
AM

“ *Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fredia Shumate*



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**Amy Miley-Payne** - August 27, 2021 at 09:02 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. prayers for comfort and peace. Stephanie Green Osteen*

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**Stephanie Osteen** - August 27, 2021 at 06:34 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fredia Shumate*



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**Bob & Sue Henderson** - August 27, 2021 at 04:41 PM

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“ *Gloria Olague lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fredia Shumate*



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**Gloria Olague** - August 27, 2021 at 12:58 PM

TV

“ So very sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Tom Vaught - August 27, 2021 at 12:25 PM

GO

“ Ms. Freda was extremely special to me. I cleaned for her for several years. Until she was placed in Nursing home. I continue going and visiting her especially surprising her on her birthday with Peanut Candy and flowers. Until Covid hit. Then it stopped. I loved her dearly and she will always be special in my heart. She was extremely proud of her children and her grandkids. She would talk about her husband alot too. She missed him dearly. Now they are rejoicing together. She was the most happiest lady that I have known. I loved her pretty smile.  
Praying for the family. May God give you peace and comfort.



Gloria Owens - August 27, 2021 at 11:59 AM

TM

“ Trudy McGill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fredia Shumate



Trudy McGill - August 27, 2021 at 09:52 AM

DB

“ *Dr. Rob Wells & Beth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fredia Shumate*



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**Dr. Rob Wells & Beth** - August 27, 2021 at 08:49 AM

PP

“ *Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fredia Shumate*



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**Pud Patterson** - August 27, 2021 at 07:35 AM



“ *Thought and prayers for your family Joe.*



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**Donna Aaron** - August 27, 2021 at 03:26 AM

CV

“ *Carla Vaught lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fredia Shumate*



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**Carla Vaught** - August 26, 2021 at 07:04 PM

CN

“ *Charvelle Nugent lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fredia Shumate*



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**charvelle nugent** - August 26, 2021 at 05:42 PM