



Sherilyn McClain

August 3, 1949 - April 7, 2023

A homecoming of friends and family celebrating Sherilyn McClain's Homecoming to her Heavenly Father will be at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, in the chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson, TX. Interment will follow at Rusk County Memorial Gardens under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim. Ronald Witcher, of Longview, will officiate.

The McClain family will warmly welcome friends, family, and visitors from 12:00 p.m. until the beginning of the service on Tuesday, April 18, at the funeral home.

A livestream of Sherilyn's homecoming service will begin at 12:45 p.m. The livestream will be available on Sherilyn's obituary page at crawfordacrim.com.

Sherilyn went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Good Friday, April 7, 2023, at Houston Methodist Hospital. A long-time resident of Houston, Sherilyn is formerly of Turnertown, TX.

Preceded in death by her parents, Dr. J.T. McClain and Mrs. Evelyn Butler McClain, of Turnertown, TX, Sherilyn is survived by sisters, Marilyn McClain Chhatpar (Tibu), of Manvel, TX, and Carolyn McClain, of Atlanta, GA; nephew Jay Bradley Bonds, of Idaho Falls, ID; niece Jana Read Healey, of Macomb Township, MI; great-nephew Logan Healey; a large group of beloved cousins

in Lufkin, TX and Van, TX; and a host of supportive and cherished friends.

Born August 3, 1949, in Tyler, TX, Sherilyn grew up in Turnertown, TX. A 1967 graduate of West Rusk High School, she excelled in band, choir, one act plays and was a class representative. After attending Kilgore College, Sherilyn graduated from Baylor University, with a Bachelor of Arts degree, in 1972.

She moved to College Station and taught elementary school at North Zulch, while taking graduate classes at Texas A&M.

Sherilyn's professional life literally "took off," in 1976 when Texas International Airlines (TXIA) hired her to be a flight attendant. She was based in Houston, where she lived for the remainder of her life. When Continental Airlines merged with the much smaller Texas International Airlines in 1982, Sherilyn became a Senior Flight Attendant for Continental. Her gentle advice to friends and family was "be nice to the flight attendants, and always carry change for a \$20, because the flight attendants will appreciate it." Sherilyn never had a "close call" during her years with Texas International and Continental Airlines.

National Safety Associates, Inc. (NSA) provided a new business opportunity for Sherilyn in 1988. Sherilyn accepted a direct sales position with the Company and built her business on a part-time basis, while continuing to fly for Continental. By 1992, she had retired from Continental Airlines. In 1992, Sherilyn earned National Marketing Director status for NSA. She was appointed to the NSA President's Advisory Council in 1993. Sherilyn continued to work for NSA and its flagship product, Juice Plus+ until she retired.

Pallbearers will be former West Rusk High School classmates Don Cooper, Danny Dorsey, Randall Montgomery, Larry Stephens, Riley Taylor, and Barry Wilson. Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the West Rusk High School

Class of 1967.

The McClain family gratefully and humbly acknowledges Denise Schneider for her helpful advice, support, and direction. The family also acknowledges and thanks Sherilyn's long-time next-door neighbor and loyal friend, Josie Fridley. The medical staff at Houston Methodist Hospital, particularly Jill Jordan, Lead Social Worker and Case Manager, and Chaplains Chuck Hawkins, Rejeana Warren, Claudia Stephens, and Charles Abuyeka, provided expert care and compassion for Sherilyn. The difference they made, made all the difference.

Lastly, the McClain family extends sincere appreciation for the outpouring of prayer, love, and support from dear friends, family, and extended family.

If desired, memorials may be made to the local church or ministry of your choice, in memory of Sherilyn McClain.

To God be the glory.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Rusk County Memorial Gardens

5013 US Hwy 259
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Celebration of Life

APR 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Sherilyn McClain*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - April 18, 2023 at 09:04 AM

KT

Beautiful service! It was an honor to be a part of it even from a distance. How dearly loved Sherilyn was! Such a special lady! Love you forever, my dear friend.

Kathryn Turk - April 18, 2023 at 04:27 PM

DR

Thank you for sharing your sister's memorial service with us. My prayers are with you as you continue to grieve and remember Sherilyn.

*My love to you,
Dianne Vinson Reed*

Dianne Reed - April 25, 2023 at 02:02 PM

KT

“ *Kathryn Turk sent a virtual gift in memory of Sherilyn McClain*



Kathryn Turk - April 18, 2023 at 04:30 PM

JB

“ I will never forget you Sherilyn.



Jay Bonds - April 18, 2023 at 06:02 AM

KT

“ Kathryn Turk lit a candle in memory of Sherilyn McClain



Kathryn Turk - April 17, 2023 at 10:40 PM

BR

“ Bruce Riley lit a candle in memory of Sherilyn McClain



Bruce Riley - April 16, 2023 at 09:50 PM

EF

“ Elaine Flores lit a candle in memory of Sherilyn McClain



Elaine Flores - April 15, 2023 at 06:37 PM

JW

“ *Janie Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Sherilyn McClain*



Janie Wilkins - April 15, 2023 at 05:40 AM

BB

“ *Billie Buckley lit a candle in memory of Sherilyn McClain*



Billie Buckley - April 14, 2023 at 10:13 PM

JF

“ *Judy Forisha lit a candle in memory of Sherilyn McClain*



Judy Specht Forisha - April 14, 2023 at 08:48 AM

DS

“ *Debbie Stuart lit a candle in memory of Sherilyn McClain*



Debbie Stuart - April 13, 2023 at 11:58 PM

GG

“ *Gwen Garrison lit a candle in memory of Sherilyn McClain*



Gwen Garrison - April 12, 2023 at 04:26 PM

KR

“ *Kathy Rogers lit a candle in memory of Sherilyn McClain*



Kathy Kerce Rogers - April 12, 2023 at 02:28 PM

PT

“ *Patsy Tackett lit a candle in memory of Sherilyn McClain*



Patsy Tackett - April 12, 2023 at 01:19 PM

JE

“ *Praying for her sweet family.*



Judy Loveall Elrod - April 12, 2023 at 01:05 PM

SM

“ Shirley Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Sherilyn McClain



Shirley Montgomery - April 12, 2023 at 11:15 AM

RB

“ Sincere condolences to your family. I am so very sorry for your loss. May God provide the necessary peace and comfort to your family and friends during this difficult time. Please remember these words of encouragement from the Bible: “ Jesus plainly told her: “I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.” —John 11:20-25.



Ruby Bell - April 11, 2023 at 11:50 AM

KH

“ Kurt Hunt lit a candle in memory of Sherilyn McClain



Kurt Hunt - April 10, 2023 at 07:42 PM

SB

“ Sara Black lit a candle in memory of Sherilyn McClain



Sara Fitzgerald Black - April 10, 2023 at 06:43 PM

JW

“ Sherilyn and I became friends in her soph year I was a Gastonite and she of course a New London Wildcat We became friends through Nora Gresham as they were church friends. Our friendship continued from there Actually 2 of my fondest memories are Her family had a standard shift car and when we were running low on the \$.25 cent gas she'd put the car in neutral and we'd coast down the hills. Nora, Peggy Walling and myself, Jean Smith Warner, The 2nd great memory was of us visiting at her house and we'd cut onions and make super onion rings and dip in mustard. I still today like that amazing culinary side. Sherilyn will be missed here, but will be welcomed into heaven with great Joy.

Jean Smith Warner - April 10, 2023 at 12:41 PM

KH

“ Kurt Hunt lit a candle in memory of Sherilyn McClain



Kurt Hunt - April 09, 2023 at 10:46 PM

CK

“*Sherilyn exemplified grace and beauty, both inside and out. She was a true friend and my heart is broken with her loss. My deepest condolences to Marilyn and Carolyn. Rest in peace, my friend.*”

Cathy Green Kovschak - April 09, 2023 at 05:51 PM

BB

“*The very last time I heard from Sherilyn was a text. I write long messages because I wanted to keep her currentl on Christmas, New Years, Larry & my health! I got no response I felt she had taken a trip or was just busy. her name on Caller ID! She couldn't talk. She called back. She read texts but couldn't talk w/out crying. She told me in a cheery voice. She said she would keep me updated. I asked for address. She gave me P.O. Box. She said she didn't need any card, flowers, other items. We have been friends for so many years & why we became friends for so many years. Didn't need me to send anything.Friendship. Then she wanted to know what she could do for me! I told her her classmates loved her very much. This is why she Weill always a sweet angel. See you again my sweet friend!*”

Billie Marsh Buckley - April 09, 2023 at 11:55 AM

BB

Steve & I are keeping Sherilyn's family in our prayers. Please contact me on Facebook if we can be of any assistance. Sending our love.

Billie Buckley - April 09, 2023 at 10:43 PM

RS

“*Rex Susan Stevens lit a candle in memory of Sherilyn McClain*”



Rex and Susan Stevens - April 08, 2023 at 02:16 PM