



Mrs. Shirlean Earley

April 4, 1942 - June 9, 2024

Hazel (Shirlean) Earley, 82, passed away on June 9, 2024 at Brookdale Senior Living in Henderson, Texas.

Shirlean was a lifelong teacher and mentor to many in the education field. She was a graduate of the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas with a degree in Teaching. She began her teaching profession with the Dallas ISD completing her student teaching training at Hillcrest High School in 1963 in Dallas, Texas. "Mrs. Earley," as so many students knew her, touched and inspired countless young people in the course of her teaching career with the Henderson ISD. She taught English literature focusing on the writings of Shakespeare.

Throughout her life, Shirlean was a strong supporter of children's literacy and an active advocate of the Rusk County Library. Playing bridge with friends and bridge partners was a passion of hers. She also loved reading and traveling abroad to the places she taught about in the classroom. Shirlean was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Henderson.

Her parents, L.C. and Lurean Daniels, and her husband of 49 years, Mike Earley, precede Shirlean in death.

Shirlean is survived by her son, Chris Terry of Henderson, Texas.

The family would like to express great and fond appreciation to the excellent caregivers at Brookdale Senior Living in Henderson, Texas.

Because of Shirlean's support of the mission of the Rusk County Library, donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Rusk County Library by contacting them at www.co.rusk.tx.us (Library System, Michelle Pollard); mpollard@ruskcountytexas.gov; 903-657-8557.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 15 at 1:00 pm at Crawford-A-Crim Funeral Home located at 1414 S. Main St., Henderson, TX 75654, with Rev. Mike Mayhugh officiating; 903-657-2562; www.crawfordacrim.com.

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **15**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Claudia Hale Bozich lit a candle in memory of Shirlean Earley*



Claudia Hale Bozich - June 17, 2024 at 02:34 PM

LG

“ *Chris I'm so sorry to hear of your mother's passing continued thoughts and prayers in the difficult times ahead your mother was a very special lady she will be greatly missed* ❤️🙏

Linda Grounds - June 15, 2024 at 12:24 PM

LC

“ *I have fond memories of Mrs. Early and of being in her English class.*



Liz Buckner Cross - June 14, 2024 at 10:21 PM

CW

“ *So sorry for the loss of your mom, Chris .I will be out of town at the time of her service and am sad I can't attend. Your mom was so cute and tiny when we were in school together and I will miss her. Prayers of comfort and peace, Cyndy Willard*

Cyndy Willard - June 12, 2024 at 11:57 PM

DE

“ *Destiny lit a candle in memory of Shirlean Earley*



Destiny - June 12, 2024 at 10:23 AM

DE

“ *Chris my Thoughts and Prayers are with you I am so Thankful and Blessed that I had the opportunity to care for your Mom. She was so Loving and Kind. I Pray 🙏 that God gives you Comfort and Strength during this difficult time.*



Dee - June 12, 2024 at 10:22 AM

BM

“ *Becky Hudgins Massengale lit a candle in memory of Shirlean Earley*



Becky Hudgins Massengale - June 11, 2024 at 09:36 PM

RD

“ *rachel dessecker lit a candle in memory of Shirlean Earley*



rachel dessecker - June 11, 2024 at 08:19 PM

CD

“ Charlotte Dunaway lit a candle in memory of Shirlean Earley



Charlotte Dunaway - June 11, 2024 at 01:33 PM

CD

“ So very sorry Chris for your loss. Just remember "a mother's love is always and forever for her child" 🙏

Charlotte Dunaway - June 11, 2024 at 01:32 PM

BD

“ Sweet memories of a beautiful classmate! Thoughts and prayers for her loved ones!

Betsy Dunnivant - June 11, 2024 at 11:54 AM

DB

“ Damon Bassett lit a candle in memory of Shirlean Earley



Damon Bassett - June 11, 2024 at 11:07 AM

SD

“ I remember the poetry unit we did with Mrs Earley in the 8th grade. I remember reading “ The Bells” by Edgar Allen Poe. I still can remember parts of it. She always wore fun jewelry too. Sorry for your loss Chris. She was a great teacher. Suzanne Morris Dotson

Suzanne Morris Dotson - June 11, 2024 at 10:08 AM

CB

“ *Colleen Briggs lit a candle in memory of Shirlean Earley*



Colleen Briggs - June 11, 2024 at 09:24 AM

AL

“ *Annette Lochridge lit a candle in memory of Shirlean Earley*



Annette Lochridge - June 11, 2024 at 12:36 AM

ET

“ *Emilie Thane lit a candle in memory of Shirlean Earley*



Emilie Thane - June 11, 2024 at 12:20 AM

LW

“ *Lacy Weaver lit a candle in memory of Shirlean Earley*



Lacy Weaver - June 10, 2024 at 09:21 PM

KS

“ *Karen Elliott Smith lit a candle in memory of Shirlean Earley*



Karen Elliott Smith - June 10, 2024 at 07:20 PM

MG

“ *Missy Hacker & Steve Green lit a candle in memory of Shirlean Earley*



Missy Hacker & Steve Green - June 10, 2024 at 06:59 PM

JP

“ *Our family loved her and have such great memories of the fun times we shared. She will be missed.*

Jacqueline Proffer - June 10, 2024 at 04:41 PM

BA

“ *BarbaraJolley lit a candle in memory of Shirlean Earley*



BarbaraJolley - June 10, 2024 at 03:17 PM

CB

“ *What a beautiful sweet little lady- it was such an honor and privilege to serve her and her precious Chris. Please know you are in my prayers!* ”

Christy Brown - June 10, 2024 at 08:44 AM

JW

“ *Joe White lit a candle in memory of Shirlean Earley* ”



Joe White - June 10, 2024 at 08:25 AM

JL

“ *John and Leigh Lee lit a candle in memory of Shirlean Earley* ”



John and Leigh Lee - June 09, 2024 at 11:40 PM