



Virginia Ruth Shelton

June 23, 1939 - March 7, 2019

Funeral service for Virginia Ruth (Hill) Shelton, age 79, of Decatur, will be Sunday, March 10, 2019, 2:00 p.m. at Shelton Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Benny Sivley and Rev. Joe McKaig officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. prior to service. Interment will be in East Lawrence Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Shelton, who died Thursday, March 7, 2019, at her residence, was born June 23, 1939, in Washington, DC, to Robert Elkin Hill and Virginia Swann Hill. She was preceded in death by her brother, Robert Hill, and her parents. Mrs. Shelton worked as a Case Manager for Alabama Medicaid.

Mrs. Ruth was a devout Christian with a true servant's heart and a steadfast belief in the power of prayer. She was also a very talented artist whose work is displayed and enjoyed in several locales, as well as in many publications, especially Christian children's books.

She is survived by her loving husband, Eugene P. "Gene" Shelton of Decatur; two sons, Robert A. Doherty (Lisa) of Decatur, and James M. Doherty (Monica) of Decatur; stepson, Sam Shelton (Laura) of Pell City; two stepdaughters, Susan Hines (Tom) of Hartselle, and Sherre McKelvey (Greg) of Tuscaloosa; one sister, Gail Watson of Sewanee, TN; one sister-in-law, Connie Hill of Ruston, LA; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial donations be made to Gideons International, P. O. Box 5111, Decatur, AL 35601.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. JoEllen



JoEllen Greenwell - March 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Jim, Monica, Morgan, Patrick and to your extended family members. I enjoyed meeting your mother. She was a wonderful lady and you are so blessed to call her your mother. RIP Mrs. Ruth



Trixie & Hubert Moland - March 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Mrs. Ruth was such a fine example to all. She was truly inspiring. I will miss her smile. Praying for the family. Bonita Smith



Bonita Smith - March 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Sherre, Stephen, and Mr. Shelton, Prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Mrs. Ruth was one of the finest ladies our family had the privilege of knowing. She was always smiling and supportive of her family. I am sorry I had a prior commitment and couldn't pay my respect in person today. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Teresa and Phillip Boyles



Teresa Boyles - March 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ I love that you shared Ms. Ruth's rendition of the story of Ruth . She was so talented in so many ways. Gene, I am so sorry to hear of her passing. I know that God and his angels will be there to comfort you and those of your sweet family. I believe that families are forever and that we will see and live with our loved ones again. She was a woman of strong faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and she didn't let you have a doubt about that. I know that the Lord is welcoming her with open arms and saying to her, Well done my good and faithful servant"". With love and prayers from Dianne Brown Talbert and husband Doug.



Dianne Talbert - March 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ To the Shelton and Doherty families our prayers are with you. Mrs. Ruth was always one of the kindest persons I've known. And she was truly a servant of the Lord. Love you Benny and Sandy Sivley



Benny - March 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM