



Jeanne Dare Williamson Shelley

July 6, 1923 - December 20, 2014

Jeanne Dare Williamson Shelley, 91, of Conway, died Saturday, December 20 at her home following a long illness. Born July 6, 1923 in Raleigh, North Carolina, she was predeceased by her husband, J. Carlisle Shelley, and her parents Robert B. Williamson and Eunice Alford Williamson. She is survived by her three children: Sarah Louise Shelley of Florence, SC; Catherine Carlisle Shelley Newell and James Carlisle Shelley, Jr. of Conway, SC. as well as her devoted companions and caregivers Annette Young and Yvonne Callahan.

In addition, she is survived by sister, Eunice Williamson Enzor and her son Scott (Betsy) and grandson Christopher of Floyds, SC; her cousin Ellison M. Smith, Jr. (Elizabeth) and his son Ellison M. Smith, III (Lynn) and their children Jordan, Matthew and Towns and his daughter Mary Page Singleton (David) and their children David Singleton (Emily) and Jewell McCoy (O'neil).

Jeanne is also survived by a brother-in-law Roland (Agnes) Shelley, of Conway and their sons Roland (Linda) of Charleston, SC and Scott (Deana), of Charlotte; sister- in- law Virlyn Shelley and her daughter Peggy Shelley of Pleasant View, SC.

Jeanne had many professional accomplishments in her life including being the first certified female principal of an Horry County School. She served with devotion at Green Sea Elementary, Jamestown Elementary (now South Conway), West Conway Elementary and Conway Middle School working from

1942 through 1982. She also taught art at Conway Jr. High. She was the first woman to receive her pilot's license in Horry County flying a piper cub. She was also instrumental in improving race relations in Horry County Schools mediating integration in the late 1960s. Jeanne was a founder of The Theatre of the Republic and greatly loved all the performing and fine arts. She was an expert gardener, exceptional cook and baker but most of all she loved to read. Anyone who knew Jeanne also knew of her deep love for animals and nature. Countless cats and dogs were dropped on Jeanne's doorstep over the years and she adopted them all.

Funeral services will be held at Kingston Presbyterian Church in Conway on Tuesday, December 23 at 2:00 PM. Private burial will follow at Pleasant View Baptist Church, Nichols, SC. The family is receiving guests at Jeanne's home at 1308 Lakeland Drive in Conway.

Memorials may be made to the animal welfare organization of your choice or to the Alford Shelley Grainger Fund at Eastern Carolina Community Foundation, PO Box 1615, Florence, SC 29503.

Please sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, is in charge of the arrangements

Previous Events

Service

DEC **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Kingston Presbyterian Church
800 Third Avenue
Conway, SC 29526-5141

Tribute Wall

WJ

“ *Willie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Jeanne Dare Williamson Shelley*



Willie Johnson - December 29, 2014 at 12:02 PM

EH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. I loved Jeanne very much.*
Evelyn Hammond

Evelyn Hammond - December 24, 2014 at 12:01 PM

SR

“ *Sarah And Rhiannon lit a candle in memory of Jeanne Dare Williamson Shelley*



Sarah and Rhiannon - December 23, 2014 at 11:45 PM

AB

“ *Jim and I so remember the wonderful Christmas party at your mothers home many years ago. The thing that I remember from that great party, was how beautifully decorated her fireplace was with magnolias and lit candles. She will be forever in our hearts.*

Angela and James Baker - December 23, 2014 at 08:57 AM

JB

“ James, Angela and Bayley Baker purchased the *Let It Snow* for the family of Jeanne Dare Williamson Shelley.



James, Angela and Bayley Baker - December 23, 2014 at 06:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jeanne Dare Williamson Shelley.



December 22, 2014 at 09:32 PM

BN

“ *Jim,*
I am never quite sure what to say during times like this. Know that I am sorry for your loss. Your Mother was a wonderful woman, who touched the lives of so many, including me. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Bob Negley - December 22, 2014 at 09:01 PM

SR

“ *Cathy and family,*

You are in my thoughts and prayers. I know you have many good memories and so blessed to have your mother for so many years. May God's loving spirit surround you in the days ahead.

Sylvia Richardson



Sylvia Richardson - December 22, 2014 at 08:49 PM

BW

“ *Jim, I am so very sorry to hear about the passing of Ms Shelley. She was such a beautiful ,sweet lady. You and your family will be in my prayers.*

Betty Wade

Betty Wade - December 22, 2014 at 06:41 PM

YC

“ *Yvonne Callahan lit a candle in memory of Jeanne Dare Williamson Shelley*



Yvonne Callahan - December 22, 2014 at 05:53 PM

YC

Sarah, Cathy, & Jim I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. She was such a jewel. RIP Mrs. Jeanne. I will definitely miss you and there is a huge void in my life now and a piece of my heart is gone. I loved you so much.

Yvonne Callahan - December 22, 2014 at 05:57 PM

LC

“ Dear Sarah, Cathy & Jim,

Please accept my sympathy & know that I'm thinking of you at this time as well as the days to come. Sarah, your mother was always so loving & gracious to me during the many yrs. we spent together growing up in Conway. From our early K days to elementary school, our junior high school days & into high school. I loved her voice as it was southern with just the right mix of elegance! She encouraged us when we decided to create a school newsletter in the 6th grade. She was a great art teacher & I never knew anyone else who owned a peacock - I can still picture it perched on the rooftop! I have many fond memories of your remarkable mother. May all of your memories continue to lift your hearts & God's love continue to surround each of you.

*With love,
Lee Taylor Colhoun
(Raleigh, NC)*

Lee Colhoun - December 22, 2014 at 05:33 PM

CL

“ Charles Wade & John Lott purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Jeanne Dare Williamson Shelley.



Charles Wade & John Lott - December 22, 2014 at 12:16 PM

GB

“ *Glenda Barbour-Spain lit a candle in memory of Jeanne Dare Williamson Shelley*



Glenda Barbour-Spain - December 22, 2014 at 09:23 AM

SJ

“ *Jim, so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of mourning. God bless you all.*

Susan Jeffords - December 22, 2014 at 08:48 AM

BM

“ *Long life and I know many memories! Sad for all to lose a parent! God speed!*

Brad Mayers - December 22, 2014 at 08:39 AM

DP

“ *Mrs. Shelley was one of my favorite teachers. She inspired me to become a teacher. She was always so encouraging. I will keep the family in my prayers.*

Diana Graham Parker - December 22, 2014 at 08:35 AM

JS

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James Shelley - December 22, 2014 at 06:06 AM

PT

*Jim, my condolences to you and your family with the loss of your mother. You and your family are in my prayers
-Philip Tucci*

Philip Tucci - December 22, 2014 at 09:00 AM

BC

Cathy, Jim and family, We are so sorry to hear about Mrs. Shelley. I enjoyed her through the years at school and as a neighbor. We always looked forward to going there at Halloween and then John did too. She was sweet and fun. We will be praying for you all during this time and in the days ahead. Take care of each other.

Ken Beth and John Calhoun

Beth Calhoun - December 22, 2014 at 09:23 AM

GB

Words cannot express how I felt about this angel! Marvelous, Kind, Sweet Sweet woman. I go way back with this family, elementary school, not only my principal at one time but one of the room mother's who always made Ginger bread house and anything else she could think of. I even remember when Kathy and Sarah were in college and Jim was left home with her but he always had Roger there with him. Jim you hang in there and I love you, I send my condolences to your entire family!

Glenda Barbour-Spain - December 22, 2014 at 09:37 AM

BA

Mrs. Eunice, I am so sorry to hear of your sister's passing. I pray God will give you comfort and peace during this time. I love you.

barbara anderson - December 22, 2014 at 10:17 AM

MM

I love you all and will miss Jeanne terribly.

Mary Anne McClemens

Mary Anne McClemens - December 22, 2014 at 02:26 PM

CA

Although we only knew Ms. Jeanne for a short time she left a lasting positive impression on us. Our deepest sympathy to her entire family. Maggie Galinski and Sandi and Russ Case

Case - December 22, 2014 at 03:08 PM

DJ

*Cathy, Sarah, and Jim,
Please know that your many friends are saying prayers to lift you up at this time. Your mother was just living until Saturday night when she was given the chance to be pain free, happy, and rejoicing her reunion with family members who had passed on before her. I'm sorry for your pain for it will be some time before you are reunited, but it will happen. Please know that she gave so much to so many people and in return so many people want to return that love to each of you. Remember the good times, the happy times, the memories that have made you who you are. Your friends will be there to listen to you share your laughter and your tears. How many mothers do you know who would allow their daughter (Cathy) to practice being a chauffeur for her friends not long after getting her license? That took a great deal of faith on her part and it went on for many years. Oh the fun that your mother allowed so many to have! She will always be in a part of so many people's heart. I trust that God will give you peace and comfort if only you will call on your friends. Everyone is here for you. With my deepest sympathy and love.*

Debbie Johnson

Debbie Johnson - December 22, 2014 at 04:08 PM