



## Shirley Huggins

May 5, 1944 - November 19, 2020

Shirley Holt Huggins (76)

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Shirley Holt Huggins of Loris peacefully passed from this World to meet Jesus Thursday,

November 19, 2020, after a heroic battle with an illness; she was surrounded by her family. A

loving wife, endearing mother/grandmother, and respected teacher/leader, Shirley gave selflessly to others her entire life.

Born the third child of Huger Thomas and Estaleen Causey Holt May 5, 1944, Shirley graduated

from Green Sea High School in 1962. She then attended Columbia College where she earned a

Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education in 1966; she later earned Masters and Educational

Specialist Degrees from the University of South Carolina in School Leadership and

Administration.

Shirley's love for teaching and children was evident in her work as a teacher, teacher leader,

assistant principal, and principal. Her career began in Dillon County where she taught

elementary school for four years. She later transitioned to Horry County Schools where she faithfully served Green Sea Floyds Elementary (GSFE) for 40 additional years; 27 of those was as its principal. During her tenure, GSFE earned numerous accolades and was recognized locally, regionally, and nationally.

In addition to her work alongside the teachers and students of Green Sea Floyds, Shirley was a devoted member of Pleasant Meadow Baptist Church (PMBC) where she served as a member of the Women's Missionary Union (WMU), taught a ladies Sunday School class, sang in the choir, and played the piano.

Shirley also had a passion for gardening and for creating beautiful flower arrangements for others to enjoy. She was grateful for the many friendships she built as well as for the fellowship she enjoyed as a member of the Loris Garden Club.

Shirley was particularly appreciative for the gracious concern and care she received from numerous medical care professionals throughout the years, including Samuel Cooper, MD; Michael Craig, MD; Jack Crumbley, MD; Chad Denlinger, MD; Jennifer Harper, MD; Matt Kohler, MD; Nick Pastis, MD; as well as Adrian vanBakel, MD.

Shirley was predeceased by her parents yet leaves behind a family who cherishes her legacy, including her loving husband of 54 years, John Oliver Huggins. She is also survived by her son, John Terrill Huggins, MD, (Anita Williams Huggins) of Mt. Pleasant, SC, and her three precious

grandchildren, of whom she was incredibly proud: Jenna Grace; John Ashyr; and Emerson Rose.

Shirley's survivors also include two brothers, both of Loris, SC: Dr. Winferd Holt and Donald

Holt. In addition, she was honored to have as part of her family, and is also survived by, Alicia

Williams Anderson (Andy) and son, Irvin Leroy Anderson, IV, "Levi."

Numerous nieces, nephews, and friends remain to continue Shirley's commitment to service.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2020, at 2:00 PM at Pleasant

Meadow Baptist Church outside of Loris, SC. The family will receive friends two hours prior to

the service, beginning at 12:00 noon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Shirley's memory to the Pleasant

Meadow Baptist Church building fund. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Meadow Baptist Church Cemetery

937 Green Sea Road South  
Loris, SC 29569

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **21**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pleasant Meadow Baptist Church  
937 Green Sea Road South  
Loris, SC 29569

## Funeral Service

NOV **21**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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937 Green Sea Road South  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *John and family,*

*Shirley was such a special lady. Praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time! May our Lord wrap His loving arms around you and hold you close.*



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**Glenda Johnson** - November 23, 2020 at 11:48 AM

JC

“ *To Shirley's Family and Dear Friends,*

*My family and I are grieving with you as we have learned about Shirley's passing to be with her Savior and Lord, Jesus. I worked with Shirley for over 25 years as a counselor at GSFE. I saw her in so many situations, happy and sad during those times and always saw her put the Lord first. It was wonderful working with a Christian principal.*

*She was always sincere, loving and thoughtful to her staff, students, and parents. I was blessed in so many ways in working under her leadership at GSFE . God Bless you all as you remember all the sweet moments with her. I know I will.*

*In Christ, Dr. John Chanaca and Family*

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**John Chanaca** - November 21, 2020 at 10:58 AM

DS

To: Shirley's Family & Friends,

*We are so grateful that Shirley was in our lives. Know the "angels are singing" & she is playing the music. I worked with her in the educational scene but got to know her even more thru our Women's Community Chosen 4 More Bible Study Ministry ( Loris, SC). No matter what was happening, Shirley shared her faith & was a Christ follower. She will be missed.*

*Dr. Virginia ( Ginny) Stanley / Chosen 4 More Women's Ministry*

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**Dr. Virginia (Ginny) Stanley** - November 21, 2020 at 12:17 PM

IE

“ *Dear family of Shirley Holt Huggins,  
I am very sorry to hear that Shirley has lost her hard-fought battle with illness. She was a tiny girl with a big presence in our beloved Green Sea High School, both academically and on the basketball court! Her classmates always liked and respected her, we knew she was a winner then and that never changed.*

*May The Lord bestow His comfort and peace on each of you at this sad time and in the days ahead. How blessed you have been to know and love such a special lady.*

*With much sympathy,  
Iris Lancaster Elliott*

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**Iris Lancaster Elliott** - November 20, 2020 at 09:12 PM

CW

“ *Will always treasure the memories of Mrs. Shirley playing those beautiful hymns at Pleasant Meadow Baptist. She was a dedicated, Christian servant. Thoughts and prayers to all the family.*

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**Christy Watford-Suggs** - November 20, 2020 at 07:28 PM

DG

*I was saddened to hear Shirl*

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**Deronda Graham** - November 21, 2020 at 02:58 PM

WH

“ *All of you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Shirley was such a special person and I know you're going to miss her so much. One of the last times we were together was at an auction. We had a good time visiting with each other and she was her sweet sparkling self. This is the way I will remember her. Much love, Wanda Hardee*

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**Wanda Hardee** - November 20, 2020 at 07:23 PM

MM

“ *We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Mrs. Shirley. Your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Marcia and Danny Grainger  
Jodi Pajaro and family  
Moni Martin and family*

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**Moni Martin** - November 20, 2020 at 07:14 PM

CS

“ *Mrs Shirley has touched a lot of our lives. She was a great principal at GSF elementary. She is going to be missed by a lot of people. mr Johnny we will be praying for y'all that can have peace in your hearts for the loss of an angel.*

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**charlene Strickland** - November 20, 2020 at 06:01 PM

HC

“ John and Terrill - we just received the news of Shirley leaving us. It's hard to understand why our loved ones are taken from us, but you will find comfort in knowing you were a special part of a well-lived life. Sending our love and a big hug as you face the days ahead with your precious memories of Shirley.

*Harold and Judy Causey*

*158 Pine Point Drive*

*Lexington, SC 29072*

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**Harold and Judy Causey** - November 20, 2020 at 03:55 PM

GM

“ We ar so sorry for your loss. Shirley was a special lady that meant a lot to us as our boys came through elementary school. we have special memories of a wonderful lady. May God Bless and keep you all at this time and always.

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**Gene Martin** - November 20, 2020 at 03:14 PM

BJ

“ We are so sorry for your loss. But Heaven Has Gained Another Sweet and Caring Angel. God Bless The Huggins and Holt Families.



*Biff and Susan Johnson*

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**Biff and Susan Johnson** - November 20, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Huggins.*



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November 20, 2020 at 12:35 PM