



Johnnie Zumwalt Shipley

June 1, 1918 - October 20, 2012

Mrs. Johnnie (Zumwalt) Shipley, age 94, of Bolivar, Missouri passed away Saturday morning, October 20, 2012 at Citizens Memorial Healthcare Facility in Bolivar.

She was born on June 1, 1918 near Cliquot, Missouri the daughter of E.C. "Bud" and Lunnie (Richards) Zumwalt. The family moved to the Huron community when she was six months old. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior at an early age and joined Mt. View Baptist Church at Polk.

Johnnie attended elementary school at Huron, graduated from Emma D. High School in Goodson, and attended Draughon's Business University in Springfield.

She was employed several years as stenographer/secretary at the Missouri Department of Health and Welfare Office in Bolivar.

Johnnie was married to John F. Shipley on October 12, 1940 and to this union was born two children; Marlin Dee and Elderine. In 1946 she became a "stay

at home mom". She and John were charter members of the Second Baptist Church, now Southern Hills Baptist Church in Bolivar. She was the last living original charter member.

In January, 1955 the family moved to the State of Kansas; residing in Baxter Springs, Liberal and Overland Park. They immediately located a Church where they were active; she as Sunday School teacher and secretary, Church secretary, Women's Missionary Union and Director of Vacation Bible School, Training Union and Girl's Auxiliary. They returned to Polk County in June, 1987.

In 1985 and 1986 Johnnie received a certificate of appreciation for her service and in 1987 a certificate for outstanding leadership at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Overland Park as well as a plaque which reads: In Appreciation for your years of service, May, 1987 along with a dozen red roses. In 2004 when Emmanuel celebrated their 40th Anniversary, Johnnie was a special guest and again recognized for her years of service. Soon after returning to Polk County, they joined Southern Hills Baptist Church where she remained a member. In February 2006 she was recognized with a Behind the Scenes Award in doing the things that no one noticed until they were done.

Johnnie did lots of sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting and China painting for her family. She was an active member of the Leawood Kansas China Painting Club, and Woodlawn Willing Workers Quilter's Club of Bolivar and WMU at Southern Hills Baptist Church.

Johnnie was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, her parents, six sisters; Visa Clampitt, Berniece Sallee, Laura Cloyed Payne, Ada Clowdus, Margaret Zumwalt, Dorothy Hopkins, a daughter-in-law; Norma Shipley, and a nephew; Gene Clampitt.

She is survived by her two children; Marlin Dee Shipley of Belton, Missouri, Elderine Milligan and her husband Jim of Bethany, Missouri, two granddaughters; Terri Leonard and Tara Ruble, a great-grandson; Blake Ruble, and a great-granddaughter; Chloe Leonard all of Belton, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00am on Monday, October 22, 2012 at the Butler Fuenral Home in Bolivar, Missouri with Dr. Gary Urich and Brother Joe Coppedge officiating. Musical selections will be "What A Day That Will Be" sung by Bob Lowery with Boots Hogan playing the piano. Congregational songs will be "In The Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross". "I'll Fly Away" will be sung by Keith Urban. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar. Pallbearers will be Jerry Cloyed, John Matchell, Bob Lowery, Joe Blair, Gene Potts and Dale Cox. Honorary Pallbearers will be the Active and Inactive Deacons at Southern Hills Baptist Church.

Visitation will be held from 9:00-10:00am, on Monday just prior to service time at Butler Funeral Home.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Missouri Baptist Children's Home, Southern Hills Baptist Church, or the charity of your choice all in care of the Butler Funeral Home, 407 E. Broadway, Bolivar, Missouri 65613.

Friends and family may sign the guestbook or leave private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Johnnie Zumwalt Shipley*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Johnnie Zumwalt Shipley*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Lana, I've prayed for your Aunt Johnnie - and now I will pray for you and the family. So sorry...may you feel God's love & comfort enfold you.*

Anne Rippeon - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Johnnie was a very special lady, she always had a smile for everyone. I worked at CMHCF in dietary and always enjoy serving Johnnie her meals, she always patted my hand, or give me a hug and the biggest smile. May God give you comfort in your time of sorrow*

elizabethharris - October 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cal and I both send our sympathy Elderine and Marlin. I gave out the info in our SS class today and also told Larry Jesse and Q. Wright. Everyone that knew her had such great memories of the wonderful Christian friend she was. Betty & Cal*

Cal & Betty Hemeyer - October 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ We were sorry to hear about Johnnie, but know she is in the presence of the Lord and with the family who have gone before.

We will never forget them coming to see us off on the Indonesia mission trip, what a blessing to start the trip.

May the peace of the Lord be with you all during these days.

Betty & David Berryhill - October 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ We move across the street from the Shipley's in 1970. We became friends quickly. Our favorite story to share was about a bush Chuck trimmed back in our front yard. Johnnie was just positive he had killed it. Shortly after that we moved to Germany and got a letter from Johnnie to say the bush looked better than ever. We always had a laugh over that. Over the years, while Chuck was in the Army, we made trips to Kansas and always took our kids by to see the Shipleys.

After they moved to Bolivar we took our grandkids to see them. We always enjoyed our visits.

I don't think I ever saw her any way but smiling. We loved her and John, we will miss them both.

We will keep your family in our prayers. We are so glad to have known them.

Cheryl Welch - October 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM