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Sharis Smith Blackburn, 85, of Memphis, Tennessee passed away Sunday night on October 30, 2016. Sharis graduated from Wynne High School and attended William Woods College where she served as President of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA). Here, Sharis met her future husband, Gerald Blackburn, who was attending Westminster College and the couple married in 1952. Sharis completed her degree in Education and Gerald received his law degree at the University of Missouri and they eventually settled in Wynne, Arkansas to raise three children. Memphis was their final destination and together they celebrated 59 years of marriage until Gerald's death in 2012. Sharis was gifted in Pastoral Counseling, investing much of her time in restoration ministries through Central Church, and various other ministries. Her love for people, and life made her an exuberant force for positive change in everyone and everything she touched. Sharis was also part of Mission Possible, which brought hope to impoverished people living in Haiti. Sharis had a fierce love for tennis, fishing, and the great outdoors. All who knew her will remember her as their "beloved" Sharis. Sharis leaves behind one daughter, Teresa Blackburn Phipps and husband Larry, sons George L. Blackburn, and Neal Blackburn and wife Patty. In addition, five grandchildren are blessed to carry on Sharis's legacy. They are Jason Blackburn, Melonie Mulkey Martinez and husband Angelo, Lowell-Martin Mulkey, Ashley Blackburn Beck, Chelsea Blackburn Cohen and husband Jacob. Sharis and Gerald also have one great-grandchild, Jayce Beck. A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, November 4 at Memorial Park Funeral Home with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, please send your donations to St. Jude Hospital, The Church Health Center of Memphis, or a charitable cause of your choice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis TN 38119. (901) 767-8930. "Celebrating Life....Behind the Stone Wall."



Tribute Wall

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BC

Bill And Thelma Hogan And Jane Chandler posted:

Bill and Thelma Hogan and Jane Chandler purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Sharis Smith Blackburn.

November 3 at 10:55 AM

BC

Bill And Thelma Hogan And Jane Chandler posted:

Sharis was a fine Christian lady. She loved and cared for her husband and her family. It was a joy knowing her and Gerald. We know that she had a open heart for those in need such as the people living in Haiti. She will be missed by her family and friends. We know that she is now in Heaven with her beloved husband. From Bill and Thelma and Jane Chandler and family

November 3 at 9:34 AM

BJ

Bobbie, Holt, Barbara, Block, Julie And posted:

Bobbie, Holt, Barbara, Block, Julie and Marty purchased the Loving Grace for the family of Sharis Smith Blackburn.

November 3 at 9:22 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sharis Smith Blackburn.

November 2 at 6:46 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sharis Blackburn.

November 1 at 4:59 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharis Blackburn.

November 1 at 10:35 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sharis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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