



Shirley Beaty Goodrum

August 9, 1935 - April 14, 2021

Shirley Beaty Goodrum, 85, of Stanley, much-loved mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, neighbor, and friend went to be with the Lord Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

A celebration of her life will be held at Sunset Road Baptist Church, Charlotte, at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. The family will greet friends at the church following the service.

Born in North Belmont, NC on August 9, 1935, to the late Carl and Edna Beaty, Shirley delighted in her cotton-mill community roots she remembered as “pretty girl station.” Educated in the mill villages of Gaston County, she graduated from North Belmont in 1953. Confident in her identity forged from humble roots, and armored with the values of faith, commitment, and integrity, Shirley enjoyed a blessed life with her soul mate of 61 years, James. Together they raised three children and structured their lives around hard work, frugality, and their church community. Inspired by her love of high school chemistry, Shirley enjoyed her career as a lab technician with the Mecklenburg County Health Department, where she worked for over 30 years before retiring in 1997. In retirement she never slowed down—always doing, giving, serving, and connecting with family, friends, and delightful neighbors.

For nearly six decades, Shirley was an active member and leader at Sunset Road Baptist Church. She participated in all facets of church life, and particularly delighted in teaching youth and children’s Sunday School, a responsibility she continued through her 85th year.

Shirley also had a deep passion for missions and helping those most challenged by life. She was at her best when finding ways to serve others and be useful! While Shirley’s determination and insistence often spurred others to action, her sincerity, commitment, and servant leadership always inspired others to join her.

Shirley is survived by one daughter and two sons, Janet Goodrum Hudson (Lacy Ford) of Columbia, SC; James David Goodrum (Kim) of Cornelius, NC and Gary Neal Goodrum of

Charlotte; four grandchildren, Travis Dale Hudson (Janet), Sonya Hudson Sonneman (Janet); Jared David Goodrum (David); Heather Brooke Goodrum (David); three great grandchildren, Michelle Becerra and Emma Rose Hudson (Travis); Calvin James Sonneman (Sonya); sister, Peggy Beaty Rankin (Joe); sister-in-law Martha Goodrum Kerns; many cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, James Wallace Goodrum, who she missed dearly these last 2 years; brother, Floyd Beaty; and brother-in-law, Harold Kerns.

Memorials may be made to Sunset Road Baptist Church, 2317 Sunset Road, Charlotte, NC 28216 or the charity of your choice. The family thanks and expresses its appreciation to Novant Harris Hospice as well as family and friends who offered loving support through her most challenging experience with ovarian cancer.

Online condolences at www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com.

Events

APR **Memorial Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Sunset Road Baptist Church

2317 Sunset Rd., Charlotte, NC, US, 28216

APR **Visitation** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Beaty Goodrum.



April 19 at 02:12 PM



“ My condolences to the family. Burl Washam

Burl Washam - April 18 at 05:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Beaty Goodrum.



April 17 at 04:21 PM



“ Shirley always spurred me on to do good works even if it took me out of my comfort zone. She lovingly taught God’s Word and plans to my children, Matthew and Stephanie Bass, as well as my grandchildren, Vivian, Zeke, and Allie Mike Bass. She led them to memorize the books of the Bible and memorize weekly Bible verses. She had monthly birthday parties for her children’s Bible study classes. She led many children to salvation in Jesus Christ. I’m so grateful to be part of Shirley’s life.

Pam Bass - April 17 at 09:11 AM



“ Shirley was and continues to be a strong foundation, as she helped build, love and work for the Lord and serve Him at Sunset Road Baptist Church and her community. For many years James and Shirley and I shared a pew at church. I will miss my pew buddies in so many ways. I love thinking about Shirley teaching my children in Sunday School and her patience with all the children. My other favorite memory is watching Shirley ride that big lawn mower, as she cut grass at the church. We loved talking about gardening and canning. Although we will miss her, she will not be forgotten. I know without a doubt she and James are having a precious reunion in heaven and I can hear her being told “well done my good and faithful servant.” Prayers for peace and comfort for the family and her many friends.

Sharon Ellis - April 17 at 09:50 AM



“ Sorry for your great loss, lots of prayers for the family. Butch and Jean Evans

Butch Evans - April 17 at 12:30 PM



“ I am going to miss Shirley! She had such a servant heart and lived for the Lord!

Shirley and I meet at Sunset Road Baptist Church! If the church doors were open, that is where you could find this lady!

She was always helping where she was needed! A Sunday School teacher(so thankful she taught my girls about the Lord), a VBS leader, Women on mission group, and helping work the games at the Fall Festival. These are just a few that I know about and was honored that I could work along side of her! She probably worked a lot more behind the scenes that I don’t know about, because that was who she was, a faithful servant!

For as long as I remember she was always helping people by taking them to the grocery store, taking them to their doctors appointments and whatever else they needed!

I also had the honor of being with her in bible study on Thursdays! This lady knew her bible but most of all she inspired me by loving her Lord and serving him! I can’t imagine the party that broke out when she got to Heaven and seen Jesus and the love of her life James! These 2 made a perfect couple! I love you Shirley and James and I will see you again!

Kathy Page - April 18 at 07:03 AM



“ Mrs. Goodrum was an amazing woman and an incredible ambassador for Christ. She was an early influence in my spiritual life as a child, and I'm grateful. I look forward to thanking her when I see her again, and I'm sure she is celebrating with her Savior now! Praying God's sweet comfort and peace for Janet, David, Gary, and the rest of her family. May all who knew her move closer to Her Lord.

Tonya Jordan Stewart - April 18 at 07:59 PM



“ Shirley's smile, laugh, energy, intelligence, kindness, interest and time for others has made her a family role model for years. Much love to her extended family and friends. Such an outstanding person on so many levels. Love from Patersons and Cordiers

Emily Paterson and - April 19 at 12:49 PM



“ Shirley was an inspiration in the way that she always lived through the lens of her strong abiding faith and beliefs. In a time when people are more known by their words, Shirley can truly be remembered by her works and her giving nature. She quietly demonstrated the best attributes of servant leadership by putting the needs of others first, being willing to learn from others, and forsaking personal accolades and recognition for substantive sagacity. She will be missed.

Gwynn & John Clarke - April 19 at 04:12 PM