



Shirley Grace Dawson

February 11, 1937 - October 8, 2024

Shirley Grace Johnson Oran Dawson 87 years old of age, passed on Tuesday October 8, 2024 at her home in Sweetwater following a long-term illness.

Shirley was born February 11, 1937 in Salem Valley, Roane County Tennessee to the late Rufus and Lucy Marie Johnson. She was the sister to Mary, Sue, Ruth, Louise, John, and Larry, four preceded her in death. Shirley was educated in the Roane County school system, graduating Midway High School, class of 1955.

Following graduation Shirley married the late Kenneth (Buzz) Oran and three children were born from this union. They lived in the Fender's community outside of Sweetwater and she attended church at Fender's UMC.

Following Kenneth's death, Shirley married Henry Dawson, who preceded her in death, June 2024. They enjoyed many years together, traveling, gardening, and hosting family gatherings.

She is survived by following family members:

son Randy Oran of Decatur, Tennessee

daughter and son-in-law Winona (Tootie) and Michael Bailey, Oak Ridge, Tennessee

devoted daughter and son-in-law Susan and Terry Miller, Sweetwater, Tennessee

sister and brother-in-law Ruth and Gilbert West, Loudon, Tennessee

brother John Johnson, Philadelphia, Tennessee

grandchildren, Ryan and Margaret Richards and their son Joe: Rachel and

Aaron O'Neal and their children Aidan, Adelyn, Connor, Katherine, and Lily:
Crystal and Matt Curtis and their children Harper and Jett: Stephen Bryant,
and many nieces and nephews

Special thanks to private caregivers, Sarah and Courtney Dawson for all their
love and tender care. Special friends Tony and Anna, Bill and Eva, Bill and
Jackie, Mae and Bobby, and the many friends from Cedar Fork Church
Community and Fender's Church Community.

The family will receive friends and family on Saturday, October 12th at Kyker
Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, Tennessee from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, with funeral
service to follow, with Rev. Mitchell Anderson. Burial will be at Fender's
Church Cemetery.

A celebration of life dinner will follow at Luttrell Community Center with family
and friends to honor Shirley and her favorite foods. We will always remember
your smiling face and the laughter we shared.

Cemetery Details

Fenders Community Cemetery

2528 Oakland Rd.
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes
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Funeral Service

OCT **12**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Grace Dawson*



Kyker Funeral Home - October 09, 2024 at 05:18 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Shirley Grace Dawson.*



October 11, 2024 at 06:52 PM



“ *We at Crescent so fondly remember Shirley, the Queen of the Dye House along with her sidekick co-worker Bill McKeehan. My Dad, Bill Burn, thought the world of Shirley as I did. We will miss seeing her at our 20 year luncheon which started on the 20th anniversary (1986) of the fire at Crescent in 1966. Shirley was working here at that time. Such wonderful memories of a sweet, caring lady. How she put up with Bill & Bill, we'll never know! Prayers of comfort to her family.*

*Sandra Burn Boyd
Crescent Sock Company aka Crescent Hosiery Mills*

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“ Winona, Randy, Susie & family,

Shirley always made me welcome in her house. Remembering the slept overs brings to mind one lesson she taught was how to dry tennis shoes in oven

(I've never perfected the ART of this! I tried it on my sister's shoe she looked like a Munchkin from Wizard of Oz (curled end of her shoes),Ive told that story over the years. As years flew by I would run into her same happy smile ask how everyone was doing. Hold the happy memories, jokes, laughter until you meet again. The LORD welcomes all HIS children home with open arms. You are in our thoughts and prayers.



Gary & Juanita Johnston Cook - October 11, 2024 at 01:23 PM

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“ Sandra and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Grace Dawson.

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“ Sandra and family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Shirley Grace Dawson.



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