



Shirley Irene "DeDe" Fite

April 25, 1934 - November 2, 2017

Shirley Irene Fite was born in Muskogee on April 25, 1934. Shirley was 83 when she passed quietly, surrounded by family. She was the daughter of H. J. Venus Jr. and Velma Irene Nesbitt Witter. Baptized at an early age, she was a devout Christian throughout her life. A Central High School graduate of 1952, Shirley stayed in touch with many of her classmates.

In 1954, she married Richard A. Storts. She was his support throughout medical school and enjoyed their travels. They spent two years in Japan, which she enjoyed immensely and created treasured memories. They returned to Muskogee where Shirley became involved in the community and began a lifelong love for Muskogee.

Together they had three children: Richard Storts of Tahlequah, Cheryl Robinson of Muskogee and Linda Smith of Piedmont. After her husband died, Shirley showed remarkable courage in building the next chapters of her life. She worked for several years at Cross Telephone Company in Warner, OK. She enjoyed the support of many friends and neighbors during this time of transition. Her focus was always on her children.

Dr. Fulton Fite entered her life as her second love, and they were wed in 1977. They enjoyed traveling to all but two states in the U.S. and to Canada and Mexico. They made many friends along the way. Their union resulted in

the combining of two families and Shirley gained three new children. She enjoyed being the medical office coordinator for her husband's practice. Throughout her life she enjoyed cooking and reading.

She is preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, and a dear stepdaughter, Cindi Uecker.

Shirley will be greatly missed by her children and their spouses, Richard Storts, Cheryl and Kurt Robinson, Linda and Scott Smith, Gary Uecker, Kevin and Lela Fite, Kathi and Steve Estes; and her loving sister and her husband, Billie and V. David Miller and their children, Susan, Nancy, and David and their families. Shirley was especially proud to brag on her thirteen grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren. The family would like to express deep appreciation for the care Shirley received at St. Francis Hospital in both Muskogee and Tulsa.

A memorial service celebrating Shirley's life will be 10AM, Monday November 6, 2017 at First United Methodist Church of Muskogee, 600 E Okmulgee, with Associate Minister Cindy Culver officiating. The "Chicken Eaters", a group of very special friends, will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Donations may be made in Shirley's honor to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
600 E. Okmulgee Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Irene "DeDe" Fite

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ The last time I saw Shirley, we were discussing her beautiful white hair. She was always so sweet and kind and pleasant to be with. I am so sorry for the loss of a wonderful lady. I pray for peace and comfort for the family.

Dr. Susan Dunn

susan dunn - November 07, 2017 at 03:46 PM



“ Shirley was one of my very best long-time friends, always upbeat, with a positive outlook and a smile on her face. That is how I will always remember her. We had a lot of laughs and happy times together and I will miss her very much. Billie Collins

Billie Collins - November 06, 2017 at 06:33 PM



“ My "One Word That Described Shirley" is Genuine. She always made me feel comfortable because there was no pretense. People knew they were in the presence of a true human being when they had a conversation with Shirley. I donated to the Oklahoma Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in her honor.

*Love,
Sue Storts*

Sue Storts - November 06, 2017 at 02:54 PM

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“ Shirley was always so sweet when she came to our office. I always enjoyed hearing about her family and all her grandchildren. Prayers to all!



April Smith - November 05, 2017 at 09:19 AM

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“ My absolute most favorite memory of DeDe is when she took our faith sharing group (Linda’s group) out for a fancy dinner. We had a hoot of a time! We have begged for her to do it again because she was more fun than we are. We will cash in when we join you at the best banquet table there is!

shelley lamle - November 03, 2017 at 11:08 PM