



Mr. Mark Shirley

July 25, 1956 - December 23, 2020

Mr. Mark Andrew Shirley, age 64, of Commerce, GA died Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at Piedmont Athens. Mr. Shirley was born in Commerce to Genevieve Aspinwall Shirley of Commerce and the late Stonewall Jackson Shirley, Jr. He was a member of Maysville Baptist Church and was retired from the University of Georgia as a county extension agent.

In addition to his mother, Mr. Shirley is survived by his wife, Kathy Anne Mitchell Shirley of Commerce; daughter, Rebecca Shirley Liger of Blakely, Andrew Shirley of Cleveland, MS and Benjamin Shirley of Thomasville; brothers, Stone Shirley, III and Chris Shirley both of Commerce; sister, Susan Harvin of Commerce; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 3 PM, Sunday, December 27 at Maysville Baptist Church with Dr. Shane Roberson officiating. Interment will follow in Jackson Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the church from 1 to 3 PM on Sunday. Anyone not comfortable with coming inside the church may drive-thru the front of the church and pay their respects.

Little-Ward Funeral Home, Commerce is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Maysville Baptist Church
8875 Hwy 82 Spur
Maysville, GA 30558

Service

DEC 27. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Mark Shirley*

October 09, 2023 at 05:17 AM



“ *Mark was a precious man and we were so blessed he was part of our family. We will see you again in heavenly places and what a time it will be. Hugs to all the family and children of this great man.*

Marty and Leslie Enright - February 14, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ *Mr. Mark was one of the most genuine and wonderful men our family ever knew. We were very sorry to hear of the passing of such an intelligent, caring, and loving man such as Mr. Mark Shirley. Please know that our family is lifting the Shirley family up in prayers that the Lord will comfort and wrap His arms around you all.*



Shelly McQuaig - December 28, 2020 at 08:49 AM



“ *Mark was a wonderful friend whom I enjoyed being around ! He was always concerned about others and how you were doing ! He was a great promoter of youth livestock projects and he loved seeing young people succeed ! Jackson County will miss him !*

Billy Moss - December 27, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Shirley.*



December 26, 2020 at 04:51 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Shirley.*



December 26, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ *Mark was a good friend. We shared a lot of laughs with our kids and during the livestock shows. We worked on projects with Extension and he always had a smile on his face. I appreciated his friendship and could always count on him for support. May God wrap his arms around all of you during this time and treasure the moments.*

Sharon Cassidy - December 26, 2020 at 08:13 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Shirley.*



December 25, 2020 at 02:20 PM

RK

“ *Randell C Kinsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Shirley*



Randell C Kinsey - December 25, 2020 at 11:17 AM

BD

“ *Billy Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Shirley*



Billy Davis - December 25, 2020 at 07:50 AM

EH

“ *So sorry for your loss! Praying for you all during this difficult time!*
Edward and Heidi Hickey

Edward and Heidi Hickey - December 24, 2020 at 09:46 PM

GS

“ *I enjoyed working in the district with Mark for many years. He was always fun to be around and very easy going. He knew his livestock well and was an excellent co-worker. I will miss his laugh and getting to talk with him about the Dawgs. Mark was a great guy and will be greatly missed by all of us who served with him in the Extension Service!*

Greg Sheppard - December 24, 2020 at 06:32 PM

RR

“ I can remember well when Mark joined us in the Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. I always enjoyed working with Mark at various Extensions activities. Mark knew his cattle and you could see it in the cattle they raised and in the cattle that his kids showed. And of course I always enjoyed talking a little "Dawg ball" with Mark. Whatever else we might have discussed, the conversation usually always ended with some discussion about what was going on with our beloved Georgia Bulldogs. I know without a doubt that Mark now has a front-row seat from which to watch any and all Georgia games. I close with: GO DAWGS, Sic'um!

Randy Roberts - December 24, 2020 at 05:43 PM

CW

“ Mark was a young county agent when he came to Terrell County. With my mother having been a county agent herself, Mark became more than an agent to us and often shared meals at our home. With Mark's guidance, my brother and I excelled in both the show ring with market hogs and steers as well as being members of a district champion livestock judging team. Mark's influence also resonates with me as we were both rabid Georgia Bulldog football fans who actively followed recruiting. I have no doubt that Mark was directly responsible for my becoming a Master 4-Her in the Swine project in 1980. Though I haven't spoken with Mark in many years, memories of time spent with him and his positive influence on my life will be in my heart and mind the rest of my days. May God Bless his family and loved ones in this time of sorrow. I know Mark will be missed. Prayers for peace!

Chuck Ward
Huffman, Texas

Chuck Ward - December 24, 2020 at 03:45 PM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss. We have all lost a good man. One who helped many It was a joy to him and not a job. Rest In Peace mark. Thoughts from Sue Holliman and family.

sue holliman - December 24, 2020 at 02:56 PM

BT

One of the best hires I ever made was when I hired Mark to be the GED instructor at Lanier Technical College at Jackson Correctional Institute. Over the many years that Mark and I worked together, I saw his passion and dedication to change the lives of the inmates there. He assisted hundreds of students to achieve their GEDs. He loved the students and transformed their lives. Always the consummate Southern gentleman, Mark's Godly character shone through everything he did. There is a new, bright star in the sky as Mark joins his heavenly father. He will be missed so much!

Brenda Thomas - December 27, 2020 at 12:57 PM