



## Mrs. Shirley Jean Lord

March 30, 1941 - February 22, 2025

Mrs. Shirley Jean Lord, 83, of Athens, passed away Saturday, February 22, 2025 in Athens, Georgia. The essence of her spirit remained strong until her Earthly body surrendered.

Born on March 30, 1941, in Toccoa, GA., she was the eldest daughter of the late Curtis and Bertha McClain. Shirley, in her early years, was a hairdresser and worked at the University of Georgia's Food Science department. Later in life, she was a homemaker and found joy tending to her garden and cheering on the Georgia Bulldogs.

Survivors include her husband, Harold Lord; two daughters, Teresa Palmer (Mark) of Nicholson, GA; Sherri Lee of Hartwell, GA; and one son, Brent English of Athens, GA. She was loved by her nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Shirley is also survived by her younger sister, Carolyn Sellers, of Toccoa, GA.

Although her physical presence may no longer grace our lives, her courage will continue to inspire and uplift us. Her life was a blessing; her memory is our treasure.

"A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust." Gertrude Jekyll

Funeral service will be held Sunday, Feb. 23rd at 2 PM from the chapel of Little-Ward Funeral Home with Mr. Kevin Marable officiating with the interment following at Center Community Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday from 12:30 PM till 2:00 PM.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Center Community Cemetery

426 Old Commerce Extension  
Athens, GA 30607

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **23**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Little-Ward Funeral Home  
115 State Street  
Commerce, GA 30529  
(706) 335-3175  
lwfh@windstream.net  
<https://www.little-wardfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

FEB **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Little-Ward Funeral Home  
115 State St.  
Commerce, GA 30529

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Miss Shirley & Harold have been the best neighbors for all the decades I have lived down the street. Loved sharing my banana peppers with them. Always enjoyed her desserts that she lovingly swore had no sugar. My sincerest condolences to the family. She will be missed.*

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**Jim Spencer** - February 22, 2025 at 02:40 PM