



Shelia Hood Puryear

February 7, 1957 - October 17, 2020

Shelia Hood Puryear passed away following a courageous four-year battle with cancer on October 17, 2020, at her home in Hazlehurst, Miss., surrounded by her loving family. She was 63 years old.

Shelia was born on February 7, 1957, in Hazlehurst to Elizabeth and Carroll Hood. She met her beloved husband of 43 years, Lamar Puryear III, in junior high school, and the two were inseparable for nearly five decades. Shelia loved to travel with her family, especially to Disney theme parks and cruises. She cherished making memories with her family, as evidenced by the meticulously curated photo albums and scrap books she kept for all of her children and grandchildren.

Shelia was a true embodiment of Jesus's instruction to "let your light shine before others." She shared her light through her devoted service to Hazlehurst United Methodist Church, where she played the piano and organ for more than 20 years. She also shared her musical talent with Gallman Baptist Church and performed for a wide range of worship services, weddings, and other special occasions throughout the community. She worked as a preschool teacher at both the Hazlehurst and Crystal Springs Baptist Churches and as a teachers' aide at Wesson Attendance Center, spending her career caring for others' children. As many have remarked in the days since her passing, Shelia was a truly kind and humble reflection of God's love,

who always put others' needs before her own. All who knew her will miss her baking, especially her chocolate chip cookies.

A beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, and grandmother, she is survived by her husband, Lamar Puryear III; her children, Erin Cogswell (Josh), Leah Puryear (John), and Lamar Puryear IV (Katie); her grandchildren, Kaylin Puryear, Owen Cogswell, John Rowan Dearing, and Violet Dearing; her parents, Elizabeth and Carroll Hood; her siblings, Linda Hood, Perry Hood (Linda), Jerry Hood (Kimberly), and Karen Hood Coates (Joe Buck); her sisters-in-law, Carol Puryear Ford (Frank) and Linda Puryear Rainer (Mike); as well as 19 nieces and nephews and a large extended family.

Visitation will be held from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at Hazlehurst United Methodist Church. A memorial service will follow at 2:00 p.m. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, masks and social distancing will be required. Stringer Family Funeral Home in Hazlehurst is handling arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Hazlehurst United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Hazlehurst Cemetery

Sinclare St.
Hazlehurst, MS 39083

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Hazlehurst Methodist Church
127 Caldwell Dr
Hazlehurst, MS 39083
(601) 894-1709

Funeral

OCT **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Shelia Hood Puryear*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *Sue Marx lit a candle in memory of Shelia Hood Puryear*



sue Marx - October 28, 2020 at 12:42 AM



“ *Sandra Cliburn sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelia Hood Puryear*



Sandra Cliburn - October 20, 2020 at 07:57 PM



My heart goes out to all of ya'll....much love and many prayers...John 14

Sandra Cliburn

Sandra Cliburn - October 20, 2020 at 07:58 PM

PL

“ *Paula Lofton lit a candle in memory of Shelia Hood Puryear*



Paula Lofton - October 20, 2020 at 12:58 PM

PL

.So sorry for your loss. Prayers to comfort you at this time.

Paula Lofton - October 20, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shelia Hood Puryear.*



October 20, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shelia Hood Puryear.*



October 20, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Shelia Hood Puryear*.



October 19, 2020 at 10:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Shelia Hood Puryear*.



October 19, 2020 at 09:34 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of *Shelia Hood Puryear*.



October 19, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Shelia Hood Puryear*.



October 19, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shelia Hood Puryear.*



October 19, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelia Hood Puryear.*



October 19, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelia Hood Puryear.*



October 19, 2020 at 01:47 PM