



## Shirley Mason Gillespie

October 8, 1927 - May 5, 2017

Bluefield, WV- Shirley Mason Gillespie of Bluefield, WV passed away on Friday, May 5, 2017, at the age of 89 at her home to complete her journey to rest in the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was born October 8, 1927, to Roy P. Mason and Lula May Perdue Mason, the second of their three daughters.

She was a charter and longtime member of Edgemont Baptist Church until 2010, singing in the choir and serving as President of the WV State WMU association for many years. In 2010 she became a member of Cumberland Heights Baptist Church. She put God first in her and her family's' lives.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert L. Gillespie; and her sister, Alice Mason Lee, all of Bluefield.

She is survived by her sister, Norma Ruble of Princeton, WV; and two sons, William (Bill) of Bluefield and Robert (Butch) and wife Jan of Dallas TX; and her beloved "Baby Girl" cat, 16 year old Patch. There are three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was a wonderful mother and cherished grandmother. Shirley was a dear friend to many, was well loved, and will be greatly missed.

She passed at home with son Bill and "Sister" caregiver, Tammy Ball, by her side.

Visitation and rites will be at Mercer Funeral Home on Cumberland Road in Bluefield, WV, Thursday May 11, 2017 from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

There will be a private graveside gathering for family and friends.

Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to Cumberland Heights Baptist Church or to Edgemont Baptist Church.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Shirley Mason Gillespie.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum

Princeton, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Mason Gillespie*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Prayers to each of you in the passing of Shirley, I have so many wonderful memories with her from church trips to cooking in the church kitchen, being a raisin for Lottie Moon, energizer bunny, plus so many laughs and years while doing her and Alice's hair. I loved her and feel like her family was a part of mine, you all life up her life and she was so proud to share you and her love with others. I only wish I had know if her passing so I could have been there. I now live in Bristol now and only saw the brief obituary in line last night. I promise to pray for you all in the days and months ahead. I t definetly makes it a little easier know that she is now Praising our God who she loved dearly, and knowing I will see her again when the Lord calls me home.*

**Robbin Minor** - May 12, 2017 at 05:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley Mason Gillespie.*



May 10, 2017 at 02:04 PM

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“ To all...all of us send our prayers and love to the family. Bob, we are especially sending you a hug and peace. The Pew Pals of St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Plano, Texas are there in spirit.

*Blessings...  
Vicky Herr*

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**Vicky Herr** - May 10, 2017 at 06:15 AM

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“ Bill, we are so sorry about the death of your mother. I know your loss will be great but she is with your father and God now. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.

*Melissa Simpson & Randy Yost*



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**Randy Yost** - May 09, 2017 at 04:59 PM

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“ If it weren't for my Aunt Shirley I would not know my Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. She lived across the street from my family as we grew up. She kept all 5 of us, Lee children in church every Sunday morning, evening and Wednesday evenings. She was a second Mother to each of us. Her heart was so full of love for everyone. She was an amazing wife, Mother, sister, Aunt and daughter.. Anyone that knew her was blessed in so many ways. She would bend over backwards for her family and friends. Her outreach for Christ was overwhelming, she has earned so many crowns in heaven. I know the Lord is saying "well done my faithful servant". My heart is empty to have lost a special person as she. Through the Christian training she made sure I got, I am who I am today and I thank my Lord Jesus Christ for that. We will see each other again one day and I have peace in that. I love and miss you Aunt Shirley  
Your niece,  
Carolyn Williams.

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**Carolyn Williams** - May 09, 2017 at 08:40 AM