

ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

Celebrating the Life and Resurrection of
SHIRLEY BRAGG DONNELLY

March 2, 1926 - September 17, 2022

Prelude *In the Garden* Thomas Furlow

Seating of the Family

Call to Worship

Invocation & The Lord's Prayer Rev. Margaret Desmond
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† Hymn *In Christ Alone*

Scripture Reading Psalm 23 Pride Parr
Leigh Parr Malleus

Special Reading "I Am Standing Upon the Shore"
Henry Van Dyke Mary Lane Haskell

Special Music *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Mary Donnelly Haskell

Scripture Reading Proverbs 31:10, 20-29 Lane Wilson

Homily Rev. Margaret Desmond

Pastoral Prayer

† Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Hymn 276 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

† Benediction

Postlude *Amazing Grace*



SHIRLEY BRAGG DONNELLY, 96, passed away peacefully at her home in Beaumont, Texas on Saturday, September 17, 2022. She was born on March 2, 1926, in Decatur, Alabama to Mabel Pride and Dr. John Coleman Bragg. She attended Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia. In 1945, Shirley met Lt. Robert J. Donnelly at a dance in Decatur. After the war, they married and moved to Beaumont, Texas where they started their family and shared 57 years of dancing together.

Shirley was a charter member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and found such joy and purpose in service. Never one to shy away from hard work, she was always first to volunteer no matter the task and was a vital member of her congregation as well as a valued volunteer at

Christus Hospital St. Elizabeth. Shirley truly loved all creatures great and small. She loved being outdoors tending her gardens and giving back to the earth by composting. Gardening was a passion she enjoyed sharing with her daughters and granddaughters, who always kept her home full of fresh flowers and produce from their gardens.

She was a proud member of the Beaumont Junior League, the Colonial Dames of America, and the Magnolia Garden Club where her green thumb was an inspiration to all. She was a voracious reader and regular patron of the Beaumont Public Library. To look at Shirley you might not think she'd have a competitive streak, but ever a champion for her children and grandchildren she never missed an Alabama or Ole Miss football game and took no prisoners while playing Bridge with friends.

Among her chief pleasures were trips to the beach with her family, solving the crossword puzzle and jumble every morning, watching "her show" every afternoon at 1pm, Blue Bell ice cream after dinner, and simply sitting and visiting over coffee. She loved being up to date on everyone's lives and was hungry for knowledge, news, and of course the occasional piece of gossip. She was the epitome of southern charm and warmth, greeting everyone she met, friends and strangers alike, with her quintessentially southern "Hi, Darlin'," always adding a few extra syllables with her infectious accent. She touched the lives of everyone she met with her gracious manner, strength of character, and above all her sparkling wit and profound wisdom. No one could deliver a one-liner quite like Shirley Donnelly.

But Shirley's greatest pleasure was being the Matriarch of her large and loving family including her daughters, Pride Parr and her husband, Richard, of Beaumont; Leslie Wilson and her husband, Bill, of Beaumont; and Mary Haskell and her husband, Sam, of Oxford, Mississippi; grandchildren, Shirley Pride Parr of Dallas, Texas; Leigh Malleus and her husband Shawn, of Nashville, Tennessee; Lane and Rachel Wilson of Beaumont; Will Wilson of Spring, Texas; Sam Haskell IV and his wife Mei, of Los Angeles, California; Mary Lane Haskell, of Los Angeles, California; and great-grandchildren Morgan and Ben Malleus, and Sam V, James, and William Haskell. As she ascends to the Kingdom of Heaven, she is eagerly awaited by her beloved husband Bob and son Bob III.

The family would like to thank Linda Patterson, Albina Leiva, and Patricia Nickel for their compassionate care and support.





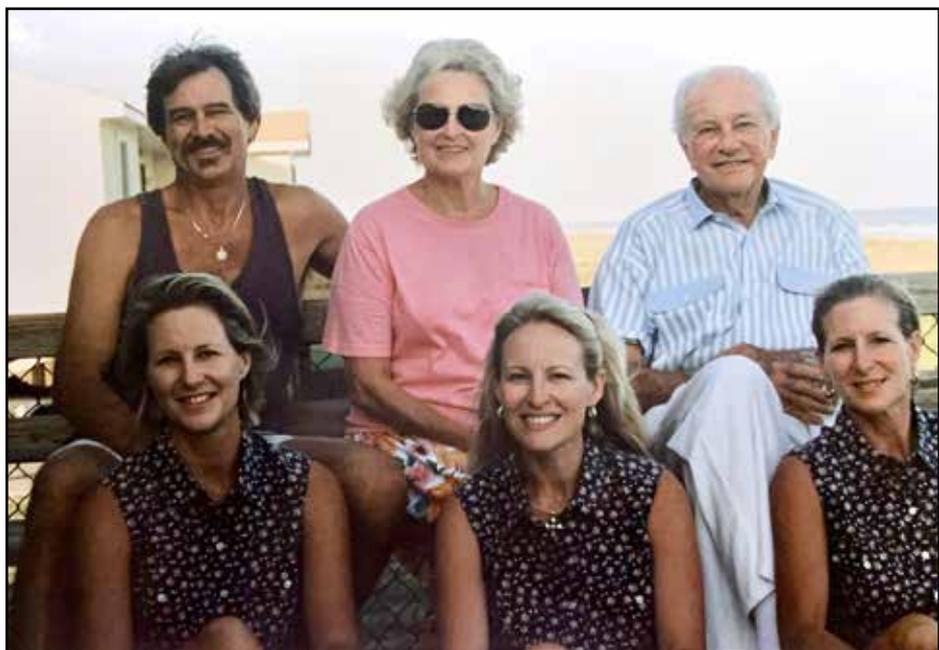






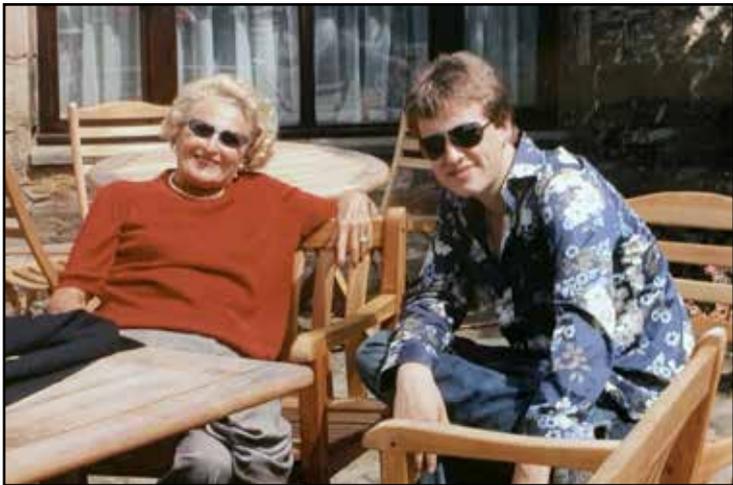














CARE PRAYER

Dear Lord,

You have received into the embrace of heaven one of your choice servants, Shirley Donnelly-beloved wife and mother & mother-in-law, grandmother, and great grandmother, as well as friend. Receive her with the welcome of a Saint, not perfect, as none of us are, but one who lived and loved well and offered grace and humor in her living.

We are assured by Your Word, that in life and death we belong to You. Shirley belonged and served You in her church and community and in friendship and love extended to generations of her family.

As those who knew her intimately in the family grieve her loss and celebrate her life, gracious God would You bring your presence very close- in comforts and mercies. May memories and remembrances be a doorway to connect with her in heart and mind for days and even years to come. What a special grace are our remembrances, Lord God. This is indeed what Jesus called us to- 'Do this in remembrance of Me' as he broke bread and served wine. He did so before His own death- which by sacrificial love provided for us the hope of eternal life. We thank you.

We thank you for Shirley's faith, her love and service of You the living God, and that she is at her fullness of life in heaven. Thanks be to Thee for the long life and quiet passing of an extraordinary woman. We are grateful for Shirley Donnelly.

Receive her well, Jesus. Amen

Reverend Dr. Caroline Crawford

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The family of Shirley Donnelly thanks each of you for your presence today as we remember Shirley's completed life on earth and celebrate her joyful entry into the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You are invited to a reception in the fellowship hall immediately following the service.



Please sign Mrs. Donnelly's guest book and share your memories at
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