



Cheryl Bridges Sheppard

February 18, 1949 - July 2, 2020

“If your gift is serving, devote yourself to serving others. If it is teaching, devote yourself to teaching others. If it is encouraging, devote yourself to encouraging others. If it is sharing, share generously. If it is leading, lead enthusiastically. If it is helping, help cheerfully.” This verse from the book of Romans would succinctly write the obituary for Cheryl Bridges Sheppard. Cheryl Deane Bridges was born in Newnan and was one of four children born to the marriage of the late Stanford Arnold and Olive Garner Bridges. In addition to her parents, Cheryl was preceded in death by her two brothers Kenneth and Thomas (Tommy). Cheryl’s early education was at Western School and she was an enthusiastic learner. At the time of her graduation, only one person achieved a higher grading average than she. She realized that education was going to be a perfect fit for her as a career. She was a graduate of, the then, West Georgia College and would eventually obtain a Master’s Degree in English Literature. Her affable nature and ability to put students at ease made her position as a teacher in the program for gifted students a win for the students who were being led by such a connected instructor. Cheryl got a great satisfaction in seeing her students attain their educational goals. At the time of her retirement, she was the assistant principal at Western School. As in any facet of her life, Cheryl became committed and gave only her best. She was deeply involved in her faith journey. For 62 years she was a member of Providence Baptist Church. She fully immersed herself in the many opportunities for service including the choir,

the Baptist women's group, their senior adult activities and taught the Faith Sunday School class for 38 years. She could always be counted on for any of the church mission trips. Cheryl was in awe of her God to whom she devoted her life. Another facet of worship for her was in her gardening and flower beds and savoring the earth's sights and smells. There would never be enough time for Cheryl to see all the sights in this world, so you never had to ask her twice if she thought there was going to be traveling involved. While Cheryl never was blessed with children of her own, she always thought that God placed her in her profession and she embraced all the opportunities for helping to shape the young minds of all the students she encountered. Cheryl is survived by her devoted husband of 35 years, Douglas Howard Sheppard. Nancy Bridges Johnson, her sister, loved the fact that she had such an attentive sister, but they both were truly best friends. To see one of them without the other was a rare occurrence. Cheryl enjoyed an extended family of nieces and nephews. While this obituary offers some insight into the life of this good woman, Cheryl's obituary was written by her every day of her life. She never lost sight of the fact that her God had given her exceptional gifts and she felt duty bound to share them at any time. The family and friends will gather at McKoon Funeral Home at Jackson Street on Sunday evening, July 5th for a time of visitation and sharing remembrances. The service to honor and celebrate her exemplary life will be Monday, July 6th at 2:00 PM in the Chapel of McKoon. Interment will be in historic Oak Hill Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

JUL 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Cheryl Bridges Sheppard*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - July 06, 2020 at 12:39 PM

CW

“ *Cheryl, you are going to be deeply missed. You are the definition of "a child of God". You are admired and honored by so many for your service and leadership. I will feel empty when I dont hear your beautiful oprah voice in the house of our Lord. We miss you and love you so much.*

Craig Williams - July 08, 2020 at 10:20 AM

JE

“ *Nancy, I am so sorry about Cheryl. I remember years and years ago when we worked together at Jacobs. You would tell us how proud you were of Cheryl.*

Joan S Exner - July 06, 2020 at 08:48 PM

MC

“ *i was so saddened to hear of Cheryl's passing away. She certainly will be missed by all .I will always remember how loving she has always been.My thoughts and prayers are sent to her family.*

Merrill Cornay - July 06, 2020 at 06:17 PM

TB

“ *Tracie Hammond Blake lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Bridges Sheppard*



Tracie Hammond Blake - July 06, 2020 at 03:16 PM

ER

“ *Enesta Favors Reeves lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Bridges Sheppard*



Enesta Favors Reeves - July 06, 2020 at 02:23 PM

EL

“ *Our deepest condolences to Doug, Nancy, and all Cheryl's family. When I say family I include her Providence Baptist Church Family. She was a cherished friend and I am saddened at the thought of how much I will miss her. Cheryl was one of the most delightful ladies I have ever known. Sincere, kind, generous, witty, always there for anyone in need. The word CAN'T was not in her vocabulary. She sang like an angel, was a gifted teacher, knew the bible and could teach a Sunday School class like no other. Our loss is heaven's gain. Doug, Nancy and all the loved ones that are grieving...I pray peace and comfort. Our dear Cheryl is no longer sick; she has won her final war with pain and is resting with Jesus and will be there to greet us with that beautiful smile and infectious laughter that we so love.*



John and Elaine Lee

elaine lee - July 05, 2020 at 04:19 PM

SD

“ I was so sorry to hear of Cheryl's death, sending thoughts and prayers for all her family. Love and prayers, Sandra Daras

sandra daras - July 05, 2020 at 12:33 PM

DF

“ Cheryl's sweet, kind, and fun personality will surely be missed. Please know our loving thoughts embrace you Doug. Sending love and prayers from your cousins, Diane, Mary and Rick



Diane Fowler - July 05, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cheryl Bridges Sheppard.



July 04, 2020 at 11:59 PM

CP

“ My sincere condolences to the family and many friends. Cheryl touched many lives. Rest now Cheryl...

Cindy Moore Powell - July 04, 2020 at 11:15 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Cheryl Bridges Sheppard.*



July 04, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ *Chery led a faithful and dedicated life. She taught, not only her students, but others she met how to love and treat others. Her beautiful voice added the music of life to her choir. Rest In Peace, Cheryl!*

Your work in this world is done. Enjoy your new life with the Lord you loved and served!

Nancy Hardegree - July 04, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ *Cheryl was always a delight and such a great Teacher and loved those little ones at Western Elementary. She always called my Son Rick-A-Roo and our family loved her dearly and her influence on those Elementary kids.*

Joy Barnes - July 04, 2020 at 01:33 PM



“ *Cheryl was a joy to be with and work with at Western School. My husband and I appreciated her teaching and being friends with our kids, Joanne and Mike Campbell.*

We all will miss her.

Mary Ann Campbell

Mary Ann Campbell - July 04, 2020 at 11:06 AM

SM

“ Please accept my condolences. I will keep the family in my prayers.

Sisan Milam - July 04, 2020 at 09:20 AM

BW

“ Please accept our sincere condolences at this very difficult time. Cheryl was an outstanding educator who contributed years of service to her students.




Bobby and Geraldine Welch - July 04, 2020 at 08:04 AM

RE

“ Cheryl, you were a lovely woman. Mom thought of you as a good friend since y'all went to college together. I am glad I met you at church and had the opportunity to get like you so. God definitely gained an angel home. You will be missed here on earth.

Rebecca - July 04, 2020 at 07:49 AM

 Jodie Shepard

“ Cheryl will be missed and hope for comfort for Doug, Nancy and her legion of friends and “children”. My 3 sons went to Western for a time and she continued to keep up with them on Facebook. The world and our Community has lost a special person.

Jodie Shepard - July 04, 2020 at 06:42 AM

DD

“ We were all children going to church, school together. We are family. A beautiful person, making a beautiful life. She taught my children and grandchildren, and they all love her, as she did them. We are all heartbroken for the loss of Cheryl to Doug and Nancy.

Dianne Dutton - July 03, 2020 at 09:11 PM

JA

“ *SUCH a beautiful account of the life Cheryl lived and the legacy she leaves. She is one of those people whom I never remember NOT knowing. She was always joyful, always positive, always supportive. We have lost a jewel from our lives, and Heaven has gained a MOST WORTHY angel of love, mercy, assistance, and good will!*

Janette Anderson - July 03, 2020 at 08:27 PM

PD

“ *Cheryl was a dear friend to me and everyone who met her. She was a wonderful Christian lady who was a major part of Providence Baptist Church. She was a wonderful teacher who touched the lives of many children as well as adults in her Faith Sunday School class. Her earthly accomplishments are far too many to list. My heart is sad that I will not see her again in this life, I am assured I will see her again in the next.*

Much love and sympathy to Doug and Nancy...God Bless you.

Pauline Duncan - July 03, 2020 at 08:05 PM

JH

Cheryl was a true Christian. Her Love for the Lord was always first and foremost! Next her love of family and all the students she touched during her time of being in Education! She will be truly missed by so many! Rest In Peace! I'm honored to have called you my friend!

Judy Hill - July 03, 2020 at 08:24 PM

SN

I am so humbled to say that I have been friends with Cheryl for many, many years and also a coworkers of hers during my thirty plus years at Western Elementary. She was a true leader, a true friend, a devout Christian, and she loved her family. She was truly one of the best people I have ever known. I always knew that if I ever needed her she'd be there for me. We had so much fun working together at school. She was always ready for anything especially if some fun was involved. I will truly miss you my friend! Doug and Nancy, you both have my love, my sympathy and my prayers for the difficult days that you will be facing.

Sue Nolen - July 03, 2020 at 09:55 PM

NW

We will certainly miss this sweet, fun-loving, super lady....I learned a lot when i did my student teaching under her at Western Elementary...love you Cheryl...prayers to the family...

Nancy Brooks Williamson - July 06, 2020 at 06:37 PM



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July 03, 2020 at 08:01 PM