



Jolane Sue Shaffer

November 14, 1943 - November 30, 2023

Jolane Shaffer passed away with the love of her life by her side, on Thursday, November 30, 2023. While heaven received one of their own, her family feels the loss. She was the pillar of her family, an encouraging friend, and a vessel of God's love to all. Jolane instilled in us the values of 1 Peter 4:10-11 "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

Jolane was born in Topeka, Kansas on November 14, 1943, to the late Judge Spencer Ackerman and Ruth Ackerman. She grew up in a small farming community in Larned, Kansas, never imagining all the places God would take her. Her life was a testament to her belief in God, love of family, kinship with friends, and dedication to the Air Force.

Jolane's love and commitment to Ronald Shaffer for 60 years was unwavering, he was her rock. Her role as a military wife took them to three countries and nine states. She raised three loving and devoted children, who in turn are raising 12 grandchildren and 2 great-granddaughters. Jolane always took pride in the close connection her family has, even though they are scattered around the world.

Her dedication to God was honorable. She was actively involved in Christian Education, owned a Christian Bookstore servicing European Military Communities and foreign missionaries for 14 years, and shared God's love

and biblical history at the Antiquity Center in LaGrange, GA. In recent years, even though her mobility and health had declined, she was called by God to deliver birthday and encouragement cards to residents of Wesley Woods, as well as supporting those in need.

Jolane leaves behind a legacy of faith and love in God, family, and friends. Her stories, enthusiasm, vibrancy, and love can be seen all around us. She loved planning family get togethers, relished traveling, experiencing new things, sharing ideology, and interacting with people every day. Therefore, we mourn the present and the loss that we feel but thank God for allowing Jolane Shaffer to be a part of our lives, until we meet again.

The funeral service is Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 2:00 PM, in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan. The family will receive friends following the service at the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Larned Cemetery

417 Broadway
Larned, KS 67550

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 10. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Jolane Sue Shaffer* ”



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - December 11, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Jolane Sue Shaffer* ”



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - December 07, 2023 at 04:42 PM

CM

“ I came to know Jolane and Ron in Manhattan, KS when Ron was deployed from time to time, flying B-52 bombers in Viet Nam. We both had 2 little girls, hers Kelli and Kristi and mine Traci and Terri. We lived only 2 houses apart and we kept that grass tromped down as we walked back and forth to support each other.

Jolane was the ideal soldier's wife. She was strong in her faith No.1 and she was dedicated to her family and friends while always supporting Ron in his missions which he often could not discuss. Jolane was an integral part of Ron's strength as he left on missions. She was AMAZING!

After we parted addresses near each other we remained long-time friends through Facebook, until the time God called her home. The Shafers were a precious example of God's servants as they moved through life post Viet Nam, using a Christian book store to compliment their walk of faith. I always admired their faith, their love of family and friends and their devotion to each other and their children.

When times got tough, Jolane got more tough. From being the pilot's wife while he was away to showing her devotion to Gods purposes, she was (and is) a shining star!!! ✨. I see you up there Jolane and I applaud your purpose in life. Well done, good and faithful servant. May you rest in PEACE.

Carol Lee Miles - December 23, 2023 at 04:44 PM

CM

It's actually CarolLee Miles. Thank you!

Carol Lee Miles - December 23, 2023 at 04:45 PM

KR

“ The news of Jolane's passing was a great shock as I was planning on calling her to tell her I was coming for a surprise visit. Jolane was an extraordinary person and a very dear friend. My years in Germany would not have been the same without Jolane and Ron and their precious family. We spent many hours of laughs, tears, snorts, snortlaughs. Shepherd's Nook was more than a book store to me as it was for so many others. I will always treasure the friendship we had that spanned decades and many, many miles. No matter how long it was between phone calls we could always pick things up where we left off. Till we meet again my dear friend!

Kristine - December 10, 2023 at 03:40 PM

AB

“ I met Jolane in the checkout lane at Walmart several years ago. She commented on the amount of food I was purchasing, and I told her about my little casserole business. That was the beginning of a wonderful friendship. I loved Jolane. She was an amazing woman! May her sweet soul rest in peace.

Aleisa Bayne - December 10, 2023 at 03:20 PM

SH

“ Stefan Horne lit a candle in memory of Jolane Sue Shaffer



Stefan Horne - December 10, 2023 at 03:16 PM

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“ It was an honor to know Jolane. She will always have a very special place in my heart.

Julia Diakakis (Lucas) - December 09, 2023 at 03:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jolane Sue Shaffer.*



December 09, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ *Julia Diakakis (Lucas) lit a candle in memory of Jolane Sue Shaffer*



Julia Diakakis (Lucas) - December 09, 2023 at 03:16 PM

BB

“ I was so sorry to hear of Jolane’s passing. I first met Jolane while I was living in Peachtree City, GA. I was the organizer of the Military Spouse Bunco group. As people moved, we were always looking for new members, Jolane didn’t know any of us but I remember the first time we met, we connected immediately through our military connection. Jolane became the life of our group! She had a smile that brightened the room and she had such a sweet, calming, fun disposition. She was the LIFE of the party!

She shared her faith, her love for Ron, her children, grandchildren and great grands! Even though I moved from GA, we still chatted through Facebook. She was always eager to share her most recent pictures of family visits.

We planned to visit soon and enjoy a glass of wine together.

I’m so sorry I didn’t get back in time, Jolane, so save me a spot and we’ll have so much catching up to do when we meet again!

God has gained one precious Angel! Well done, thy good and faithful servant!

Until we meet again!

Love you,

Beth Barth

Beth Barth - December 08, 2023 at 10:19 PM

CH

“ *My sincerest condolences to the entire family. I know Jolane loved and cared for her family more than anything. She brought so much goodness to this world that it's impossible to imagine her not in it. I pray that all the wonderful memories you've made with her will always be treasured.*

Jolane changed my life in countless, selfless ways over the years. I am grateful for Jolane inviting me in as a teenager to celebrate holidays because my mom worked shift work. She also included me on family outings and traditions. Memories that I will treasure forever. Jolane was always so good to me, and I loved her. As I started my own family, we still wrote letters and visited occasionally. I really appreciated her always being there for me as I know she was 'there' for so many others. She will be dearly missed.

chanda Heighton - December 08, 2023 at 09:46 PM

LF

“ *Love, The Heightons and Sue Fisk purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jolane Sue Shaffer.*



Love, The Heightons and Sue Fisk - December 08, 2023 at 08:13 PM

LJ

“ *Jolane had such zeal for life. If you knew her, you knew how much she adored her family, that she loved travel and had seen and done so many fantastic things, that she loved books, and that she was a devoted friend. Jolane was a member of our close knit book club for years, and we will miss our friend dearly!*

Lynette Jenkins - December 08, 2023 at 07:02 PM

JH

To Jolane's dear family. I am so shocked to hear that Jolane passed away. I wished I had spoken to her in recent weeks which I had been intending to do. I met Jolane when I was 8 years old. I went to Karned, Kansas to visit my maternal grandparents who were close friends of the Ackerman's. I visited every other summer for years. Jolane and I reunited about ten years ago. I knew she has had ongoing health problems, but I didn't imagine that she would have one too many. Recently she wrote that some of her beloved children and grandchildren had visited her. How she loved her children and grandchildren. She also sent a picture recently of her his and herself. I am so sorry. Please get in touch with me. You have my contacts in her computer. Julia Platt Herzberg whose grandparents were Fred and Ann Eckert.

God bless Jolane on her journey to her final resting place. May she find the same love there as she did here. Julie Herzberg

Julia (Jule) Platt Herzberg - December 08, 2023 at 08:07 PM

PG

“*My husband and I love Ron and Jolane so much. Ron and my husband, Eric, both flew B52s about a decade apart. I loved learning from Jolane who was so well read and knowledgeable. Jolane and my husband shared a common love of studying the Hebraic roots of Christianity. We shared many Passover meals together throughout the years. I helped them with their technology on occasion and was blessed to hear about their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. May the Lord bless you all and comfort you during this time of loss.*



Pamela Gibson - December 08, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jolane Sue Shaffer.*



December 08, 2023 at 09:02 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. But I can't not help but think Jolane and mom are dancing together again. My mom absolutely adored your mom (and dad 😊). I loved reading what Jolane would share on some memory or event I would post on Facebook. It always made me feel like I still had a connection to my mom. Lots of love and hugs.*

Jessica Davis - December 08, 2023 at 08:56 AM



“ *I had the blessing of knowing Jolane for 20 years. She was such a sweet loving and delightful friend. She was a wonderful conversationalist and always eager to hear about what was happening in my life. She had a quick wit and sense of humor. Her family was the light of her life and she loved telling me about each one. She was so happy when they all came to gather at her home and it brought her so much joy to be with them. She and Ron were always welcoming to those who were in their home. I enjoyed seeing and hearing about their adventures together. She will be greatly missed as she was a joy to all who knew her. Rest in peace my sweet friend, until we meet again.*

Teresa Barbee - December 08, 2023 at 07:47 AM

JD

Such sweet memories of Jolane and Ron from Weisbaden years when Jolane directed CE at Hainerberg Chapel. Our Christmas Advent devotional is the one we use every year since 1984! There are also Christmon ornaments on our tree that she cross- stitched. We've also been FB friends for many years. Praying for Ron and family in this loss. She was so proud of her family. JD and JeanneMooreDavis.

Jeanne Davis - December 10, 2023 at 09:29 PM