



Mary Eloise Norris Shelton

January 1, 1939 - March 21, 2020

Mrs. Mary Eloise Shelton, 81, of Ripley passed away peacefully on March 21, 2020, at the Greenhouses in Tupelo.

Eloise was born in Ashland, one of 5 children, to Luther Frank Norris and Margaret Jeanette Norris. She grew up in Ashland and on a farm in the Shady Grove community of Tippah County.

As a teenager, Eloise, while working for Dr. Ralph Ford in Ripley, met Boone Shelton, and they married two months later. The young couple moved to Wesson, where Eloise attended Copiah-Lincoln Community College and Boone taught at the community college. In the early 1960's, she and Boone returned to Tippah County. Eloise served as clerk of the Tippah County Draft Board for Selective Service, worked for her husband at the Chancery Clerk's Office, and retired as Director of the United Community Action Agency in Ripley. Boone and Eloise worked together for the Shady Grove Water Association. She was a member of the West Ripley Baptist Church.

Eloise loved her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The light in her life went out when Boone died in March, 2010, and she longed to be reunited with him.

Eloise is survived by her son David and wife Missy, of Saltillo; her daughter Emily and husband Ben, of Columbus; her brother Bill Norris of Florida; her sister Virginia Reneau, of Louisiana, and her sister-in-law Rosa Nell Norris. She is also survived by her grand-daughters Mary Beth Chenault (Kris), of Huntsville, Anna McCullouch (Travis), of Canton; and great-grandchildren

Connor Chenault, Boone Chenault, and Liza McCullouch. She had many nieces and nephews whom she loved, and who treated her as a second mother. Eloise was preceded in death by her husband, Boone; her parents; her sister, Frances Huddleston, and brother-in-law Murry Huddleston; her brother, Joe Frank Norris; her sister-in-law Marge Norris; and her brother-in-law Fred Reneau.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the amazing staff and nurses at Cedars Healthcare and the Simerson Greenhouse, who cared for Eloise with love and compassion in her last illness.

A private funeral service will be held on March 23. The family invites remembrances and expressions of sympathy to be shared to: www.mcbridefuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Service

MAR **23** (CT)

A Private Funeral Service
McBride Funeral Home
Ripley, MS 38663

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Eloise Norris Shelton*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Boone and Miss Eloise were special patients of mine. We met when she was quite ill -- but she recovered and remained active for most of the following years. Boone stood by her and supported her throughout. His death was devastating for her and she never quite quit grieving. But she was always an inspiration to me. And she taught me a lot. My condolences go out to her family and friends.*

David Irwin, MD

David Irwin, MD - March 22, 2020 at 05:49 PM



Loved Boone and her. Good folks

Hope Joshlin - March 22, 2020 at 06:30 PM



Thanks you, Dr. Irwin, for giving us 20 additional years with our Mom. Your expertise and care was all that kept her going for a long time. She loved you so much, and always told me she was happy to see "your smiling face!" And from experience, she taught us all alot, but mostly patience :)

Emily

Emily C - March 22, 2020 at 06:44 PM



Prayers for David, Emily and your families. I thought a lot of your parents when they worked at the courthouse.

Myra Smith Palmer

Myra Palmer - March 23, 2020 at 12:14 AM



“ *Lois Watson lit a candle in memory of Mary Eloise Norris Shelton*



Lois Watson - March 22, 2020 at 10:31 AM

WD

“ *Wayne & Teressa Davis lit a candle in memory of Mary Eloise Norris Shelton*



wayne & teressa davis - March 22, 2020 at 01:19 AM

LW

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Lois Watson - March 21, 2020 at 08:21 PM

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WC

“ *WEST RIPLEY BAPTIST CHURCH sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Eloise Norris Shelton*



WEST RIPLEY BAPTIST CHURCH - March 21, 2020 at 06:37 PM

JC

“ *Missy & David, so sorry to hear about Mrs Eloise praying for y'all, Johnny & Paulette*

Johnny & Paulette Childs - March 21, 2020 at 03:50 PM

DS

“ *David, Emily and family. So sorry for the loss of your mother. I have many fond memories of both Boone and Eloise, especially when we use to visit when we were just young children. We will continue to keep you in our prayers, as we know that God will comfort ya'll as this time. There will be a great reunion for all of us one day in heaven. David and Gwen Smith*

david a smith - March 21, 2020 at 03:23 PM

BN

“ *Bro. Joey Norris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Eloise Norris Shelton*



Bro. Joey Norris - March 21, 2020 at 12:32 PM



“ *Sherry Norris Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mary Eloise Norris Shelton*



Sherry Norris Crawford - March 21, 2020 at 12:23 PM