



Shelia June Murray

February 15, 1951 - August 15, 2019

Shelia June Murray was born February 15, 1951 in Bristol, Virginia and went home to be with the Lord on August 15, 2019. Shelia was preceded by her father, Arthur Mitchell Jr., her paternal grandparents Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Mitchell Sr. and maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. William J. Clark.

Left to cherish her memories are her Mother, Mrs. Willie Mae Gillenwater, brothers Rodd Mitchell and Calvin Rolark, husband Tony Murray, son Michael Murray, daughters Karen Murray and Sonya (Robert) Henry, three grandchildren Olivia, Anthony & Michele, and a host of family and friends.

Shelia was a great mother to many. She knew no stranger as she loved to talk and had a great sense of humor. Her love and support for her kids was always her top priority. She used her cooking to bless and bring others together. She attended Douglas Elementary School and graduated from Virginia High School. She also attended the University of Wyoming.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:30am Friday August 23, 2019 at the Birchette Mortuary Chapel. The family will receive friends from 10:30am until 11:30am at the Chapel prior to the service. Interment will follow at the Mountain Home National Cemetery in Johnson City at 1:00pm

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **23**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Birchette Mortuary & Cremation Service, Inc.
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Johnson City, TN 37601
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Service

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Interment

AUG **23**. 1:00 PM - 1:15 PM (ET)

Mountain Home National Cemetery
53 Memorial Ave
Mountain Home, TN 37684

Tribute Wall

AG

“ Watching your story on YT brought tears to my eyes. May you RIP, and I'm praying for your two kids in hopes that someone out there can provide professional help for them. It's clear that they didn't understand the ramifications and seriousness of the trial. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Aging Gracefully - November 01, 2024 at 09:46 AM

CH

“ Charlesetta lit a candle in memory of Shelia June Murray



Charlesetta - October 03, 2024 at 07:31 PM

RS

“ RIP Mrs Murray. You are with the Lord . Sleep in Peace



Rosa Sneed - August 05, 2024 at 01:58 AM



“ I’m watching your story on YouTube right now and I’m satisfied with knowing that you’re not in any more filth and pain.
As for your children... I feel they did not understand what was going on. Im praying for them because they are innocent due to not knowing! I pray they get the help they need!
God will take care of them... Continue to get your clean and free rest in the arms of our Savior Jesus Christ

Felicia Finister - July 23, 2024 at 11:15 PM

MB

“ Mrs. Murray I only know of you from Court TV. I hope your soul is at rest and peace. I pray for your children, Karen and Michael. I pray that true justice will be intervened on their behalf. Rest In Peace sweet angel 🕊️🙏
Marie Brantley
Houston, Texas

Marie Brantley - July 18, 2024 at 11:59 PM

TB

My prayers are with Karen Michael and Sonya. Karen's tears are felt throughout the nation. Justice will prevail and Mrs. Murray's legacy will include new laws and support to help families care for their love ones at home. Blessing to each of you.
Theresa Bowick, Honolulu, Hawaii

Theresa Lou Bowick - November 26, 2024 at 01:22 PM

GE

“ I believe this was a beautifully imperfect family who was let down by the system and I’m so sad to know it ended this way! I’m happy to see that Mrs. Sheila Murray got to be with her husband and I pray her 3 children will find peace and freedom from everything soon! Her grandchildren as well . Life is so unfair.

GenXer - July 02, 2024 at 12:47 AM

GR

“ May the Innocence Project get involved to help the young adults to get the appropriate support for their specific needs. The youngest children with developmental delays were never mentally fit and equipped to care for their mother. This is an act of injustice!

Gladys Romero - June 29, 2024 at 09:41 AM

CO

Yes, I pray someone has a voice for Michael and Karen Murray, their sister sure didn't. Testifying against I am sure Ms. Shelia would not be happy with her

Concerned - June 29, 2024 at 04:51 PM

TO

I watched this case on Court TV and I can't get those siblings out of my head. It is obvious that they both have serious issues and should not be put away like this. I understand the condition their mother was in, May God rest her soul, but those children need help. Would love to get a petition started to try and help them. This just hurts my heart!

tonya - June 30, 2024 at 11:40 PM

GE

Their sister tried to tell investigators they couldn't care for their mother and the state wouldn't allow their mental or cognitive health brought into it. My guess is that this was an older generation of pull yourself up by your bootstraps dad (and even mom) who never got them a proper diagnosis. This isn't the eldest sister necessarily testifying against them but the judge ruling on what she was allowed to say. She never once testified that she thought her siblings meant to do any harm or said anything more than they were in over their heads and they did their best. Please don't dishonor the mother's memory by blaming the sister without more facts. I'd like to believe she provided the funds for her sibling's defense and did her best, also. Remember she testified the house was always in the condition, which means the whole family probably struggled with mental illness and one sibling can't be expected to care for 4 family members! In her mind, she lived through and survived such a home life and they could also. This story is just devastating on so many levels! We don't always get someone to blame.

GenXer - July 02, 2024 at 12:42 AM

ER

May God Rock you in his ARM REST WELL God Knows 🙏

Evangelist Sharon Rogers - October 10, 2024 at 04:50 PM

SU

“ *Miss Sheila, I am sorry about your last days on Earth. There is justice. RIP.*

Sue - June 28, 2024 at 09:31 PM

CB

“ *Just hearing about the death of Shelia. Wow so hard to believe
Thoughts and prayers to Ms. Willie Mae, Rod and Calvin.
Chris Hunt Brenton
Bristol, Va.*



Chris Hunt Brenton - March 26, 2021 at 05:11 PM

 Mary Rollins

“ *Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Shelia June Murray*



Mary Rollins - October 29, 2019 at 08:36 AM

MR

“ *May the Lord keep you all in perfect peace.
Love and prayers from the Regalado family, Tony, Maria and family.*

Maria Regalado - August 26, 2019 at 10:10 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelia June Murray.*



August 23, 2019 at 07:09 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Shelia June Murray.*



August 23, 2019 at 03:19 AM



“ *Praying for Strength and Endurance during this difficult time. Lorraine*



LAB - August 22, 2019 at 03:04 AM



“ *Brenda A. And James Charles lit a candle in memory of Shelia June Murray*



Brenda A. and James Charles - August 21, 2019 at 09:00 PM

BC

“ *Brenda A,@ James Charles sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelia June Murray*



Brenda A,@ James Charles - August 21, 2019 at 08:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shelia June Murray.*



August 21, 2019 at 08:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shelia June Murray.*



August 21, 2019 at 07:12 PM

 Mary Rollins

“ *Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Shelia June Murray*



Mary Rollins - August 21, 2019 at 04:31 AM

HF

“ *Howie Kemper & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelia June Murray*



Howie Kemper & Family - August 21, 2019 at 01:29 AM

HF

“ *Howie Kemper & Family lit a candle in memory of Shelia June Murray*



Howie Kemper & Family - August 21, 2019 at 01:28 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Shelia June Murray.*



August 20, 2019 at 08:12 PM

CC

“ *Chuck And Dianna Carroll lit a candle in memory of Shelia June Murray*



Chuck and Dianna Carroll - August 20, 2019 at 03:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shelia June Murray.*



August 20, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ *Carla Forney lit a candle in memory of Shelia June Murray*



Carla Forney - August 20, 2019 at 09:24 AM



“ *Elaine Brady lit a candle in memory of Shelia June Murray*



Elaine Brady - August 20, 2019 at 08:51 AM



“ *Tony and family, so sorry about Shelia.*



Susan and Steve Wagner - August 19, 2019 at 12:20 PM

RR

“ *Rev. Rodney& Tara Richardson lit a candle in memory of Shelia June Murray*



Rev. Rodney& Tara Richardson - August 19, 2019 at 12:05 PM

DG

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for your comfort and strength.*



Daryl and Deborah Grey - August 19, 2019 at 10:20 AM

 Mary Rollins

“ *Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Shelia June Murray*



Mary Rollins - August 19, 2019 at 03:29 AM

AN

“ *Angelo Newman lit a candle in memory of Shelia June Murray*



Angelo Newman - August 18, 2019 at 10:29 PM

ED

“ Evelyn Debro lit a candle in memory of Shelia June Murray



Evelyn Debro - August 18, 2019 at 10:28 PM

RF

“ Renea Hall And Family lit a candle in memory of Shelia June Murray



Renea Hall and Family - August 18, 2019 at 10:22 PM

GB

“ G.L. & Trish Bristol sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelia June Murray



G.L. & Trish Bristol - August 18, 2019 at 09:55 PM



“ William H. Hill Jr. lit a candle in memory of Shelia June Murray



William H. Hill Jr. - August 17, 2019 at 06:35 PM

CB

“ *Charles Buford lit a candle in memory of Shelia June Murray*



Charles Buford - August 17, 2019 at 02:31 PM

CC

“ *Sheila was so much fun! I loved spending time with her on band functions, at football games and competitions. She was always kind and outgoing and she had the best laugh. I looked forward to seeing her! :) Godspeed.*

Christy Sparks Castro - August 17, 2019 at 12:26 AM

JW

“ *JANICE WELLS sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelia June Murray*



JANICE WELLS - August 16, 2019 at 06:58 PM

CA

“ *Crystal Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelia June Murray*



crystal anderson - August 16, 2019 at 06:09 PM