



Mrs. Shirley Anne Sluder Cunliffe

June 27, 2025

Shirley Anne Sluder Cunliffe passed away peacefully on June 27, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Born on June 1, 1949, in Asheville, North Carolina, to June and Richard Sluder, Shirley lived a life marked by devotion, adventure, and grace. She attended T.C. Roberson High School, where she met the love of her life, Hillis Cunliffe. They married January 17, 1970, and began an incredible 55-year journey together. As Hillis embarked on a 23-year career in the U.S. Air Force, Shirley embraced military life with poise and resilience, building a warm and happy home as they moved around the globe. Their travels began at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina, the birthplace of their son, Michael, and continued to Seymour Johnson AFB in Goldsboro, North Carolina, Eielson AFB in Fairbanks, Alaska, where their daughter, Amy was born. They later lived in Florida, England, and California before eventually settling in Millbrook, Alabama, which remained Shirley's home until her passing. Shirley had a long and dedicated career as a switchboard operator, retiring in the early 2000s after serving as head of switchboard operations at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. Her calm demeanor and strong work ethic left a lasting impression on colleagues and friends alike. Outside of work, Shirley loved gardening, reading, water aerobics, and spending time with family and friends. She and Hillis shared a love of the arts and travel which included attending plays, watching movies, and exploring new cities throughout their retirement. Shirley was a devoted grandmother to Ben and Jack (Amy and Will's sons) who were the lights of her life. Shirley

was also a beloved aunt to her brother Rick Sluder's children Cody, Jamie, and Summer, and a cherished great-aunt to Summer's son Ulysses. She was a loving aunt to Barbara Hall Simpson (John) and Jennifer Hall, daughters of sister-in-law Lucy and the late Jimmy Hall. She adored Barbara and John's children Marshall, Virginia, and Jack Simpson. She is survived by her husband Hillis Cunliffe; her mother, June Sluder; her brother, Rick Sluder; her children, Michael (Sara) Cunliffe and Amy (Will) Smith; and her grandsons, Ben and Jack. She was preceded in death by her father, Richard Sluder; her sister-in-law, Shirley Sluder; and her brother-in-law, Jimmy Hall. Shirley touched the lives of all who knew her and leaves behind memories full of joy, kindness, and a life well lived. She will be deeply missed. A Celebration of Life service will be on Friday July 11, 2025, at 11:00 am from the chapel of Brookside Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, Alabama. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Brookside Funeral Home, Crematorium & Memorial Gardens of Millbrook, AL directing

Cemetery Details

Alabama National Cemetery

Montevallo, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Brookside Funeral Home
3360 Brookside Dr
Millbrook, AL 36054
(334) 285-7442
<http://www.brooksidefuneralhomeal.com>

Celebration of Life Service

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Burial

JUL 11. 1:15 PM (CT)

Alabama National Cemetery
Montevallo, AL

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Brookside Funeral Home - July 11, 2025 at 11:32 AM

YC

“ your improv friends at CGI purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Shirley Anne Sluder Cunliffe.



your improv friends at CGI - July 10, 2025 at 12:00 PM

PM

“ Phil and Deb Moulder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Shirley Anne Sluder Cunliffe.

Phil and Deb Moulder - July 10, 2025 at 10:34 AM

PM

“ Phil and Deb Moulder purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Shirley Anne Sluder Cunliffe.



Phil and Deb Moulder - July 10, 2025 at 10:34 AM

MG

“ Much love Earl and Susan Gibson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Shirley Anne Sluder Cunliffe.

Much love Earl and Susan Gibson - July 10, 2025 at 08:52 AM

MG

“ Much love Earl and Susan Gibson purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Mrs. Shirley Anne Sluder Cunliffe.



Much love Earl and Susan Gibson - July 10, 2025 at 08:52 AM

E#

“ EAA Chapter #822 purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Shirley Anne Sluder Cunliffe.



EAA Chapter #822 - July 09, 2025 at 09:57 AM

WB

“ William Butt purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Shirley Anne Sluder Cunliffe.



William Butt - July 08, 2025 at 11:16 PM

KB

“ *Kathy Mathis, The Gentiles & The Bethans purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Shirley Anne Sluder Cunliffe.*



Kathy Mathis, The Gentiles & The Bethans - July 07, 2025 at 07:38 PM

BT

“ *Billy T. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mrs. Shirley Anne Sluder Cunliffe.*



Billy T. - July 06, 2025 at 12:38 AM

WJ

“ *Winfried J. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Shirley Anne Sluder Cunliffe.*



Winfried J. - July 04, 2025 at 10:57 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Shirley Anne Sluder Cunliffe.*

July 03, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Anne Sluder Cunliffe.*



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