



Mrs Frances Shivers Cleverdon

March 26, 1925 - June 3, 2023

Frances Lewitt Shivers Cleverdon, age 98, passed away peacefully at her home in Magnolia Springs, Alabama on June 3, 2023. She was born in Marion, Alabama to parents William Lewitt Shivers and Willie Mae Perkins on March 26, 1925

Frances is survived by her grandchildren Claude Connelly and Marilea Kolenc; great grandchildren Amber Lee Kolenc and Mary Frances Connelly; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Frances was the oldest of four children. Her siblings Mildred Sheen, Elizabeth Wheelock and William Shivers have preceded her in death.

Frances attended Judson College in Marion, Alabama. In 1942, she married the love of her life, Leroy Childress Cleverdon who preceded her in death in 1979. Leroy and Frances were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Mary Lynn, who passed away in 1999.

Shortly after World War II, Frances and Leroy moved to Baldwin County, and in 1978 they moved to Magnolia Springs. It didn't take long for her to develop a reputation that would eventually become a legacy of service to her community. Always one to work... Frances was a farmer, owned and operated Christmas tree, nursery, and antique businesses; worked in the insurance industry; and most notably was a real estate agent for the remainder of her career. She finally retired as a realtor at the young age of 92 years old.

Outside of her professional career, Frances loved nature and took great pride in her garden and beautiful flowers. She also enjoyed "treasure hunting" for

antiques and going to estate sales. She had recently found a passion for researching family history and learning about her ancestors. Most of all, she loved visiting with her family and friends, especially over a cup of coffee. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy, and her great-granddaughters were the light of her life. She was the classic steel magnolia, full of grace and charm. She represented the sweetness and thoughtfulness of a true southern belle, with the love and greatness of a wonderful mother and grandmother. She will be missed in person, but never missed in memories.

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Chapel located at 14755 Oak Street in Magnolia Springs on June 24, 2023, beginning at 3:00pm followed by a reception at Magnolia Springs Community Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given in her memory to St. Paul's Episcopal Chapel, <https://stpaulsms.org/>, Magnolia Springs Volunteer Fire Department, <https://magnoliaspringsfire.com/> or Stray Love Foundation, <https://straylovefoundation.org/> .

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **24.** 3:00 PM (CT)

St Paul's Episcopal Chapel
14755 Oak St
Magnolia Springs,, AL 36555
(251) 965-7452

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs Frances Shivers Cleverdon*

October 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Kathy Allen lit a candle in memory of Mrs Frances Shivers Cleverdon*



kathy Allen - June 30, 2023 at 04:32 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs Frances Shivers Cleverdon.*



June 22, 2023 at 07:08 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs Frances Shivers Cleverdon.*

June 22, 2023 at 07:08 PM

LR

“ Lynda R. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs Frances Shivers Cleverdon.



Lynda R. - June 21, 2023 at 10:40 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs Frances Shivers Cleverdon.



June 19, 2023 at 06:25 PM

NS

“ My condolences and heartfelt prayers are with you all. She was an inspiration.



Natalie Steigerwald - June 14, 2023 at 11:11 AM

SD

“ My sisters (Nancy, Jamie, and Joanne) and I loved Frances dearly. She was married to our late cousin, Leroy. We made three or four trips per year to Magnolia River and always loved visiting with Frances and having her over for a bowl of gumbo. She always had a smile on her face and was just a delight to be around. She loved keeping us entertained with stories of family from years past to the present. Magnolia Springs will not be the same without her. We will certainly miss that special and beautiful lady!

Sue Cleverdon Dixon - June 10, 2023 at 05:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs Frances Shivers Cleverdon.



June 09, 2023 at 04:17 PM

FF

“ I first met Miss Frances when I was 11 years old.. I have loved her all my life. She was the dearest person I ever knew. I will miss her more than I can say. She was my idea of what a human being could be. Heartbroken that she is gone, but happy for heaven to have her as a citizen.

Fannie Flagg

Fannie Flagg - June 08, 2023 at 11:52 AM

JP

“ Frances embodied graciousness. A friend of a friend of mine from Tuscaloosa had been hugely comforted by reading "A Redbird Christmas" after the death of her husband, and wanted to visit Magnolia Springs and see the places in which the story was set. I knew Frances just a little from St. Paul's and from running into her at the post office, but I told her about my friend's friend and asked if she would possibly consider joining us to share a little about the history of Magnolia Springs and her friendship with the author. Frances was happy to be part of this mission of comfort, and we made a day of it, watching the river mail delivery from Maybelle Godwin's dock, talking on the porch, and lingering over lunch at Jesse's. It was a delightful day for the visitors and the locals, and I believe (and hope!) for Frances, too.

Jan Pruitt - June 07, 2023 at 01:49 PM

NB

Frances was our second cousin. My brother, sister, and I were in Magnolia Springs for her 90th birthday. She was so kind and gracious...you could tell that everyone loved her, and rightfully so.
Natalie Pope Boyce

Natalie Pope Boyce - June 21, 2023 at 04:10 PM

SC

“ Frances knew my great-grandparents and was a great friend to my grandmother, their only daughter. She recounted many stories of my great-grandparents to me, which made me feel as if I had known them myself. And she visited my grandmother and helped her in her time of need. One of my personal memories is of a boat ride down the Magnolia River and a stop to visit friends. I shall miss her.

Stephanie Challener - June 07, 2023 at 10:43 AM

BM

“ I moved to Magnolia Springs in 1985. She was the first person I met. She was the epitome of a gracious Southern lady. Her smile lit up the world around her. If Magnolia Springs had a " First Lady", it would be Frances.

Becky Malec - June 06, 2023 at 04:44 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs Frances Shivers Cleverdon.



June 06, 2023 at 02:46 PM

TC

“ My prayers are with her, she was one of the finest ladies I have ever met and gotten to know during the years I was married to her Daughter, Mary Lynn and the years after also, Plus a wonderful Grandmother to Claude and Marilea Connelly, she will be Missed by many, She was always a hard working Wonderful Southern Lady, and I am sure she will be in Heaven watching over All of her Family and Friends From Above, Love and Prayers from Terry Connelly and Family

Terry Connelly - June 06, 2023 at 12:35 PM

TE

“ She was a beautiful Steel Magnolia. She was a treasure and will be greatly missed!

Teresa Ellenburg - June 06, 2023 at 11:07 AM