



## Mrs. Shelby Jean "MamMaw" Tarkany

August 5, 1944 - December 30, 2020

Shelby Jean Tarkany, "MamMaw" age 76 of Valparaiso, IN died peacefully and was called home by the Lord on December 30, 2020 while residing with family. She was born to the late James and Gladys Johnson August 5, 1944 in Chattanooga, TN and was the 2nd oldest of 10 children. She graduated from Lew Wallace High School in Gary, IN and was a bank teller at Chesterton State Bank before retirement. She is survived by her husband Russell Edward Tarkany Sr. whom she was married to for 56 years, her 2 sons Russell Edward Tarkany Jr. (Connie) of Silverhill, AL and Richard Eugene Tarkany (Heather) of Surprise, AZ, 3 grandsons Russell Edward Tarkany III (Kellie) of Daphne, AL, Cody Tarkany of Phoenix, AZ, Logan Tarkany of Surprise, AZ and granddaughter Lexie Tarkany of Surprise, AZ, 2 great grandchildren, Russell Edward Tarkany IV and Ryleigh Elizabeth Tarkany. She is also survived by sisters Linda Pearman of Lowell, IN and Sharon Arellano of Portage, IN and brother Rick Johnson of Tempe, AZ. and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Shelby is preceded in death by her parents and 6 siblings.

Shelby was a member of Valparaiso Baptist Church of Valparaiso, IN and was a faithful Christian who enjoyed reading her bible daily. Shelby loved and lived for her family and enjoyed crocheting, reading, crossword puzzles, gardening, canning, writing poems and stories. Shelby was the most caring, loving and generous person to everyone she met. She will be forever fondly remembered for her love for her family, her generosity and the ability to remember many

stories from her early years. May her Legacy of Loving kindness live on in the hearts of Family and friends.

Shelby enjoyed feeding and watching hummingbirds in her yard and also had quite a collection of hummingbird objects. May she always be remembered by this Hummingbird Poem.

The Heights Within You by Jack Williams

You have often felt tied down

And dreamed of being free,

Of fulfilling the potential

Of who you want to be.

Now you've finally earned your wings,

It's time for you to soar

And reach the heights within you,

That's what wings are for.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, January 4th at 2:00pm, a viewing will be held from 12:00 pm prior to the memorial service at Pine Rest Funeral Home in Foley, Al with final rest at Silverhill Cemetery in Silverhill, Al.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Pine Rest Funeral Home  
16541 U.S. 98  
Post Office Box 328  
Foley, AL 36535  
(251) 943-5667  
info@pinerestfuneralhome.com  
<http://www.pinerestfuneralhome.com>

## Celebration of Life

JAN 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Pine Rest Funeral Home  
16541 U.S. 98  
Post Office Box 328  
Foley, AL 36535  
(251) 943-5667  
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## Burial

JAN 4. 3:00 PM (CT)

Silverhill Cemetery  
County Road 49  
Silverhill, AL 36576

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Shelby Jean "MamMaw" Tarkany*

October 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Mrs. Shelby Jean "MamMaw" Tarkany*

November 08, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *My sister and I only knew Shelby and Russ for a short time, but the time we did know them, we could not help but LOVE them. We looked forward to seeing them every 2 weeks. They shared many stories about their lives, their children, grandchildren, etc. Shelby was so excited to be going to Alabama for the holidays! I told her I would see her when she got back. I am saddened that I will not get to see her again. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Michelle Peo and Denise Harker*

Michelle Peo - January 04, 2021 at 05:54 PM



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Pine Rest Funeral Home and Memorial Park, LLC - January 03, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shelby Jean "MamMaw" Tarkany.*

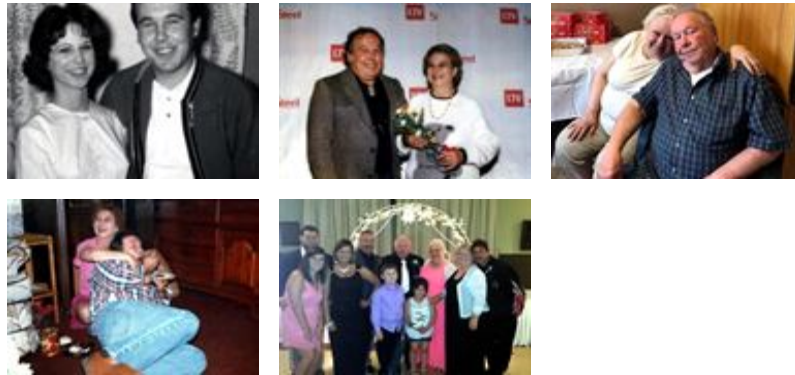


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January 03, 2021 at 07:31 PM



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**Pine Rest Funeral Home and Memorial Park, LLC** - January 03, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ *Shelby will forever be missed. I love her like a sister and we have so many great times together. May God comfort all of her family. rest n peace my dear sweet friend.*

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**Carol Ogle** - January 03, 2021 at 09:06 AM