



## Shirley Ann Luke

August 22, 1948 - July 19, 2016

Mrs. Shirley Ann Raper Luke, age 67, of Nicholls, GA passed away Tuesday morning, July 19, 2016 at Coffee Regional Medical Center following an extended illness. Mrs. Luke was born August 22, 1948 to the late Edward Raper, Sr. and the late Haven Solomon Raper Spann. Mrs. Luke, a native of Coffee County, retired from the Coffee County School System after 29 years of service as a Teacher with Ambrose Elementary School. While there she received the honor of being named "Teacher of the Year". She was a retired Literacy Coach. She attended South Georgia College and Valdosta State University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She received her Master's Degree in Education from Walden University. She was preceded in death by a Brother, Edward Raper, Jr., and her Step-Father, Overstreet Spann. Mrs. Luke enjoyed fishing, cooking, working in her yard and spending time around the pool with her family. She was a perfect "Nana". Mrs. Luke was a devoted member of West Ward Church of God, where she taught Sunday School for many years, and she was the Ladies Ministries President for a number of years. She served the Lord with all of her heart. Her faith never wavered in God through the good times or the bad. Survivors include: Her Husband: Lavawn Luke of Nicholls, GA; 2 Sons: Gregory (Peggy) Luke of Douglas, GA., Christopher (Angela) Luke of Nicholls, GA; 1 Sister: Irene (Gerald) Purvis of Tifton, GA; 3 Grandchildren: Aaron Teston of US Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton, California, Maggie Luke of Nicholls, GA., and Shade Luke of Douglas, GA;

Several Nieces, Nephews, Friends and Other Relatives. Funeral Services were held Saturday, July 23, 2016, at 2:00 P.M. at West Ward Church of God with Rev. Leroy Spivey, Rev. W. A. Bingham and Rev. Britt Peavy officiating. The interment followed in St. Luke's Cemetery in Berrien County. Active Pallbearers were: Caleb Thornton, Shane Cumbass, Brandon Hayes, Kevin Dale Harris, Pender Mazzer, and Bo Lott. Honorary Pallbearers were Members of the Harmony Sunday School Class, and Faculty and Staff of Ambrose Elementary School. Special Musical Selections, "I'm Going To Make It", presented by Sisters on CD, "It Takes A Mountain", presented by Rev. Olin Greer, on the Keyboard, "Never Been This Homesick Before", presented by the Soloist, Adam Vickers, with Rev. Olin Greer, on the Keyboard, "Will The Circle Be Unbroken", presented by the Congregation, led by Rev. Britt Peavy, with Rev. Olin Greer, at the Keyboard. "Pre-Lude" and "Post-Lude" soft hymns were rendered by Rev. Olin Greer, on the Keyboard. In Lieu of flowers, the family request contributions to be made to West Ward Church of God Ladies Ministries or West Ward Church of God Mission Fund 700 Ward Street West Douglas, GA 31533. Ricketson Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **Saint Luke's Cemetery (Berrien County)**

2123 Saint Luke Church Road  
Alapaha, GA 31622

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Ann Luke*

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November 08, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ *So sorry about Shirley. She was a sweet person.*

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**lynn parker** - August 07, 2018 at 04:58 PM



“ *I'm just finding out of the death of Mrs. Luke. She was my daughter's teacher in the 3rd grade. She was a kind but firm teacher that help my Alyssa progress in reading. I worked with the teachers at Ambrose for many years and always valued knowing her. She will be missed. My sympathies to her family.*

*Deborah Kirkland and family*

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**Deborah Kirkland** - August 03, 2016 at 01:46 PM


PR

“ So sorry to just now learn of Shirley's passage from this Earth. I did not realize that she had been sick for an extended period of time. I can only imagine that when she left this world she was not only met by Jesus but I can see those precious older ladies that were in her Sunday School class who have gone on before being there to meet her. My mother, Edna Hand, always thought so much of Shirley. When I had the chance I went with her to her Sunday School class and Shirley could have been the pastor, she knew so much of the Bible, her voice was so clear and she could certainly hold anyone's attention.

*Patsy (Hand) Rigdon and family.*

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**Patsy Rigdon** - August 02, 2016 at 11:25 PM


 Tammy  
Rewis

“ Kind caring lady of Christ. She took me to church often on Wednesday nights. Directed Christmas play. Many years ago.



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**Tammy Rewis** - August 01, 2016 at 10:14 PM

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**Tammy Rewis** - August 01, 2016 at 10:13 PM

DB

“ Shirley was such a lovely, loving, caring, friendly, precious (I could go on and on), person. I remember her from Tupowerware Parties (especially Teresa's). She was always such a delightful guest. I know she will b missed by so many.

*Love and Prayers to the Family!*

*Deborah Boyd*

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**deborah boyd** - July 27, 2016 at 11:05 AM

JN

“ Jessica Nicolelli lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke



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**Jessica Nicolelli** - July 26, 2016 at 10:03 AM

AW

“ Asa And Sue Whitfield lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke



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**Asa and Sue Whitfield** - July 26, 2016 at 08:37 AM

SM

“ Susan Mcconnell lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke



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**susan mcconnell** - July 24, 2016 at 04:37 PM

TB

“ Terry Batten-Cook lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke



Terry Batten-Cook - July 23, 2016 at 02:36 PM

NB

Thinking and praying for you all. She was a very special lady! I knew her from teaching school at Nicholas. Heaven gained a beautiful angel!

Nina Bryant - August 16, 2016 at 10:47 AM

Lisa Tierney

“ Lisa Tierney lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke



Lisa Tierney - July 23, 2016 at 01:12 PM

RO

“ Rhonda O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke



Rhonda O'Neal - July 23, 2016 at 10:55 AM

CS

“ *Praying for the family*



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**carmen smith** - July 23, 2016 at 10:01 AM

WD

“ *Winona Daniel lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke*



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**Winona Daniel** - July 23, 2016 at 09:42 AM

TD

“ *Trisha Dorminey lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke*



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**Trisha Dorminey** - July 23, 2016 at 09:10 AM

JP

“ *J.L. And Louise Paulk lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke*



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**J.L. and Louise Paulk** - July 22, 2016 at 10:47 PM



“ *Joan Rickerson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke*



Joan Rickerson - July 22, 2016 at 09:33 PM



“ *Lavonda Lott lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke*



Lavonda Lott - July 22, 2016 at 07:34 PM



“ *Shirley and I were classmates in high school..Coffee High Class of 66. She was a friend to everyone! Praying for peace and comfort for her family!*



Sandy Minix Holton - July 22, 2016 at 06:47 PM



“ *Melinda Jordan lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke*



Melinda Jordan - July 22, 2016 at 05:05 PM

JB

“ Jane Rowell Brown lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke



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Jane Rowell Brown - July 22, 2016 at 03:31 PM

DB

“ Deborah Boyd lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke



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deborah boyd - July 22, 2016 at 01:20 PM

TD

“ Terry & Shirley Dill lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke



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Terry & Shirley Dill - July 22, 2016 at 12:49 PM



“ I played basketball with Shirley and her sister Irene in high school.. She was such a sweet person and dear friend. She always had a smile for everyone even when not feeling the best. She will truly be missed. Prayers for the family.



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Vicki Grantham - July 22, 2016 at 07:41 AM

SF

“ Sue Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke



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**Sue Fletcher** - July 21, 2016 at 09:45 PM

DW

“ Shirley & I went to college together to earn our Early Childhood Education degrees. We had SO much in common and became fast friends. Once Shirley was your friend, she was your friend for life. She was loyal, supportive, and always there to listen and lend a hand. . She always saw so much good in people, that she made you believe in yourself. I've never met a more positive and genuinely good person. Her faith continually amazed me.

Shirley, I can't believe that you are no longer here on this earth and although I will miss you terribly, I am sure that you still have my back and always will. I am comforted to know without a doubt that you are in the arms of our Heavenly Father and that we WILL meet again. I love you, dear friend. Rest easy. -Debbie West

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**Debbie West** - July 21, 2016 at 09:12 PM

LH

“ Shirley and I played basketball together in junior high and high school. We were good friends for many years. She was a blessed saint of God and her faith was pure and true. I loved her very much and I know today she is singing with the Angels. Liz Harper

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**Liz Harper** - July 21, 2016 at 08:46 PM

KE

“ *Karleen K. Evans lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke*



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**Karleen K. Evans** - July 21, 2016 at 08:44 PM

MH

“ *Shirley was such a great member of the Class of 1966. Shirley had a "heart of gold". My favorite memories of Shirley was in the late 80's when Greg was playing football and my daughter, Sallie, was a cheerleader. Our seats were close together and we enjoyed some great times together at Trojan games. Shirley had such a drive about her career. After being a parapro for years she completed her degree and became a full-fledged teacher. She was a teacher all along but she wanted to be certified. God's Speed to Shirley. May God's Grace surround all of Shirley's family and bring you Peace. Love you Shirley!*

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**Miriam Holland** - July 21, 2016 at 08:35 PM

KD

“ *Kathy Adams Darr lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke*



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**Kathy Adams Darr** - July 21, 2016 at 06:48 PM

ET

“ Evelyn & John Taylor lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke



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**Evelyn & John Taylor** - July 21, 2016 at 06:43 PM

GI

“ Gina lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke



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**Gina** - July 21, 2016 at 06:42 PM

BJ

“ Shirley was such a sweet lady and will be missed by all that knew her. Sending prayers up for the family.



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**Barbara Joiner** - July 21, 2016 at 02:41 PM

JM

“ Jo Ann Metts



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**Jo Ann Metts** - July 21, 2016 at 12:22 PM

JM

*Prayers for this sweet family. She will surely be missed by everyone but will not have to endure any more pain and suffering.*

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**Jo Ann Metts** - July 21, 2016 at 12:24 PM

EP

“*Elaine Peacock lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Luke*



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**Elaine Peacock** - July 21, 2016 at 12:07 PM