



Shirley Buchanan Taff

June 15, 1951 - February 1, 2025

Shirley Buchanan Taff, 73, widow of the late Richard E. Taff, passed away on Saturday, February 1, 2025.

Born in Travelers Rest, she was a daughter of the late Dayton and Mary Ann Walters Buchanan. Shirley was a retired cross country truck driver. She was a member of Travelers Rest Church of God and with an unparalleled servant's heart, gave of her time to various church ministries with a passion for feeding others in need through Angel Food Ministries.

Remembered for her well-known "Shirley Cakes", she brought joy to family gatherings, church events, weddings, and celebrations with more than just dessert; they were symbols of love, patience, and tradition, each one carried her signature touch and an extra helping of love.

Beyond the kitchen, Shirley found peace by the water. She had a gift for fishing, often outlasting even the most seasoned anglers with her quiet patience and skill. Whether teaching her grandchildren how to bait a hook or simply enjoying the calm of a quiet morning on the lake, she embraced the simple joys of life.

Her greatest joy, however, was caring for others. Her home was a haven, her hands always busy helping, and her heart always open to anyone in need. She lived a life of true service, putting others before herself without a second thought.

Surviving are: daughter Annette Hightower; son Brian Hightower (Jennifer) and son, Chris Taff (Michelle); brother: John Buchanan (Judy); sister: Connie

Williams (Don); eight grandchildren: Paige Henson, Alexandria Henson (Courtney), Michaela Henson, Kelsey Kenyon (Nick), Jackson Hightower, Grayson Hightower, Amanda Taff and Jake Taff; and five great-grandchildren: Caroline Lane, Sky and Violet West, and Leighton and Briggs Kenyon, many beloved nieces and nephews, and her furry four legged companion, Sadie. Along with her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her brother Mark Buchanan, and sons Rick and Jerry Taff.

The family will receive friends Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Travelers Rest Church of God. Funeral services will follow at 2:15 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary.

The family welcomes guests to wear cowboy boots in honor of Shirley. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is in charge of the arrangements. (864)834-8051.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Travelers Rest Church of God
581 Williams Rd./P.O. Box 239
Travelers Rest, SC

Service

FEB 4. 2:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Howze Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Buchanan Taff*



The Howze Mortuary - February 19, 2025 at 11:30 AM

JM

“ *I just learned of Shirley's passing. Although I have not seen her since grammar school, she is one friend that stands out. Our parents were friends and we attended the same church at one time. My condolences to the family.*

June McCurry - March 19, 2025 at 03:05 PM

DS

“ *Denise Sexton lit a candle in memory of Shirley Taff*



Denise Sexton - February 04, 2025 at 09:18 PM

DV

“ *Shirley was one of my best friends you could ever have. Della Vaughn.*

Della Vaughn - February 04, 2025 at 12:21 PM

MM

“ So sorry for your loss.I went to school with her.Dhe always helped me with my work.Shiirley and her mother help..She helped her mother at making outfits for us to wear to church.She is with mom and dad brothers and her lord and Savior.She hurts no more.Will see her there when we meet again. Marie Cross McDowell

Marie McDowell - February 04, 2025 at 11:43 AM

WM

“ With love - Brent & Ann Morton purchased the Str
ength & Solace Spray for the family of Shirley
Buchanan Taff.



With love - Brent & Ann Morton - February 03, 2025 at 06:07 PM

BH

“ Bob and Susan Harris purchased the Simply Eleg
ant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shirley
Buchanan Taff.



Bob and Susan Harris - February 03, 2025 at 02:32 PM

YF

“ Your Availty Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Buchanan Taff.

Your Availty Family - February 03, 2025 at 01:41 PM

YF

“ Your Availty Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shirley Buchanan Taff.



Your Availty Family - February 03, 2025 at 01:41 PM

PF

“ Pepsi-Cola of Florence purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shirley Buchanan Taff.



Pepsi-Cola of Florence - February 03, 2025 at 09:25 AM

PF

“ Pepsi-Cola of Florence planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Buchanan Taff.

Pepsi-Cola of Florence - February 03, 2025 at 09:25 AM

CR

“ I met Shirley when she and her mom lived next to my dad. She was such a sweet lady. She would always talk to me & my dad if we were outside. She would talk about her family and take care of her mom. I will surely miss her. Praying for her family.



Chantee Catlin Revels - February 03, 2025 at 12:39 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley Buchanan Taff.

February 02, 2025 at 10:13 PM




“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Shirley Buchanan Taff.



February 02, 2025 at 10:13 PM



“ Shirley had a  of gold. She will be truly missed by many.



Brenda G Stewart - February 02, 2025 at 09:51 PM



“ Chris, Michelle and Amanda Taff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Buchanan Taff.

Chris, Michelle and Amanda Taff - February 02, 2025 at 09:43 PM

CT

“ Chris, Michelle and Amanda Taff purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Shirley Buchanan Taff.



Chris, Michelle and Amanda Taff - February 02, 2025 at 09:43 PM

DC

“ Dorothy Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Shirley Taff



Dorothy Cantrell - February 02, 2025 at 08:29 PM

BH

“ On one of our many adventurous family camping trips, we found ourselves setup on different campsites which is not ideal, especially the size of Ocean Lakes. Later in the week, I was able to work out a spot right beside us so I decided to surprise her, Then when she went to the store, we broke down her camper and moved it. **HOWEVER**, she returned sooner than I thought so now to my surprise, the police were at my campsite, and the rest is history. To my beautiful sweet Mom, I'm richly blessed & eternally grateful for this one & thousands more precious memories. I love you wonderfully mom, Brian.



Brian Hightower - February 02, 2025 at 07:34 PM

AL

She will be missed. Sorry for your loss

Arthur Lance - February 03, 2025 at 11:29 AM



Brian, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. Prayers.

Pat Binns - February 17, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ *Nancy Lance lit a candle in memory of Shirley Taff*



Nancy Lance - February 02, 2025 at 07:11 PM

TF

“ *The Sartain and Hearn Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shirley Buchanan Taff.*



The Sartain and Hearn Families - February 02, 2025 at 04:57 PM