



Shirley Sims

June 14, 1943 - December 11, 2022

Shirley Sims, 79, of Hot Springs passed away in Hot Springs on Sunday, December 11, 2022.

She was born on June 14, 1943 in Walnut Valley, Garland County, Arkansas to the late Bert and Sylvania Breshears Graves.

She was of the Pentecostal Faith.

She was predeceased by her parents, two husbands, Delmar Bates and Forest Sims, brother, Wayne Graves, Sisters, Joann Graves, Pat Caldwell, Roberta Rodgers and Beverly Speers.

Survivors include three sons: Randy (Susie) Bates of Hollis, Arkansas, Rick Cockrell of Bonnerdale, AR and Donnie Bates of Hot Springs, one daughter, Julie Gamerdinger, Hot Springs Village, two brothers, Roger (Ann) Graves of Hot Springs and Billy (Dee) Graves of Lonsdale, AR and one sister, Ramona Robbins of Hot Springs Village.

Graveside services will be held on Friday at 1:00 P.M. at Morning Star Cemetery with Brother Dillard Speers officiating.

Cemetery Details

Morning Star Cemetery

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 16. 1:00 PM (CT)

Morning Star Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ Donny Lue Bates, to my step mother Shirley, she was married to my Dad Delmar James Bates, for 28 years and she raised me and love me as one of her on sons, she did more for me than my on mother, I know if I make Heaven home, she'll be there to wellcome me home, hope to see ya soon, mom, your son Donny Bates 🙏

Donny Bates - October 04, 2025 at 07:32 AM

Susan
Yates-
Dean

“ Susan Yates-Dean lit a candle in memory of Shirley Sims



Susan Yates-Dean - December 14, 2022 at 12:55 PM

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Donny Lue Bates, Shirley Sue raised me, as if I was one of her sons, she did more for me than my on mother, she kept a spotless clean home, went swimming camping and fishing and to Church and got to visit all of her kinfolks, her youngest Son Randy Lynn Bates and myself like Brother's love you all

Donny Bates - October 04, 2025 at 07:55 AM