



Shirley Ann Gasque Yonce

June 13, 1940 - July 4, 2025

Saluda, SC

Shirley Ann Gasque Yonce

My name is Shirley Ann Gasque Yonce, and after 85 years I passed peacefully into Heaven on Friday, July 4, 2025. I was born in Mullins, SC on June 13, 1940, to Rupert Badger Gasque, Sr. and Martha Ellen Newton Gasque of Marion, SC. As per my request, I will have a “celebration of a wonderful life” during a graveside service at Travis Park Cemetery at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 6, 2025.

I had a very happy childhood, and a loving family as I grew up. I was fortunate to enjoy the best years anyone could when growing up in the 50s! I graduated in 1958 from Marion High School and in 1962 from Columbia College. I later obtained a Master’s Degree in Education from the University of South Carolina in 1992. I taught two years at Saluda High School and 26 years at Saluda Elementary School, in Saluda, SC.

As a child I attended and was married at Marion United Methodist Church. After marriage, I became a member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church. I always enjoyed outings and suppers with my church family. I also enjoyed my Bridge Club friends and treasured annual reunions with my Marion High School Class of ‘58. They were all a wonderful group of treasured friends.

I was married to William L. Yonce, Jr. (Larry) on January 27, 1963, and my life was blessed with a loving and devoted husband. We celebrated 58 years of marriage before his passing in 2021.

We had two wonderful boys that never gave us one minute of trouble, William L. Yonce, III (Lauren) and his wife, (Cecelia Sawyer Yonce) and Van Brian Yonce. I am so proud of my entire family including my three beautiful grandchildren: Anna Yonce Conley (Mason), Julia Yonce Ruff (Cole), and William Travis Yonce (fiancée Laura Haymes Harlan) and

three nieces and two nephews.

I am now reunited with my two older brothers, Badger (wife, Pat) of Columbia, SC and Bill (wife, Emmie) of Murrells Inlet, SC, a grandson, William L. Yonce, IV., and a brother -in-law, Donnie Yonce.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be given in Shirley Yonce's name to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorial Processing, 501 St. Jude PL., Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or to Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, 101 Calhoun Street, Saluda, SC 29138.

Cemetery Details

Travis Park Cemetery

Travis Avenue
Saluda, SC

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 6. 5:00 PM (ET)

Travis Park Cemetery
Travis Avenue
Saluda, SC

visitation following graveside service

JUL 6 (ET)

Travis Park Cemetery
Travis Avenue
Saluda, SC

Tribute Wall

AC

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. I meet Shirley at Assisted Living and she was always a joy. Made my job easier working with someone who appreciated help.*

Angel Cannady - July 11, 2025 at 12:43 AM

BS

“ *billie starling lit a candle in memory of Shirley Yonce*



billie starling - July 06, 2025 at 02:33 PM

SH

“ *Sethalene Huff lit a candle in memory of Shirley Yonce*



Sethalene Huff - July 06, 2025 at 01:47 PM

MB

“ *Shirley and I were in a bridge club together. I have many memories that I will always cherish.*

Marsue Brazell - July 06, 2025 at 12:43 PM

MS

“ *There are no words to express during these times. Shirley was such a lovely southern lady and one of my dearest friends, dating back to our Columbia College days. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family. With love and deepest sympathy, Mike and Catherine Gleaton*

Michael Gleaton Sr. - July 06, 2025 at 11:53 AM

GC

Shirley was a great and poised lady. She taught all our children and was so good to them. She will be greatly missed by everyone.

Gene Cason - July 06, 2025 at 03:40 PM

PR

“ When Lauren and Cliff were months old, Shirley called to say-bring Cliff over so he and Lauren will grow up to be friends.....Paulette R.

Paulette Rollins - July 06, 2025 at 09:26 AM

BS

“ Bill, Angela, Geni & Sam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Ann Gasque Yonce.

Bill, Angela, Geni & Sam - July 05, 2025 at 09:37 PM

BS

“ Bill, Angela, Geni & Sam purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Shirley Ann Gasque Yonce.



Bill, Angela, Geni & Sam - July 05, 2025 at 09:37 PM

CR

“ Carol Anne Rhoden lit a candle in memory of Shirley Yonce



Carol Anne Rhoden - July 05, 2025 at 07:38 PM

WG

“ William Naomi & Brenda Goodman lit a candle in memory of Shirley Yonce



William Naomi & Brenda Goodman - July 05, 2025 at 04:30 PM

RG

“ Ralph and Marilyn Grant lit a candle in memory of Shirley Yonce



Ralph and Marilyn Grant - July 05, 2025 at 04:05 PM



such a southern lady will be missed

billie starling - July 06, 2025 at 02:31 PM