



## Shirley Ann Bryan

*August 20, 1936 - January 1, 2021*

Shirley Ann Bryan, 84, of Plano, Texas, went to be with the Lord on January 1, 2021. She was born on August 20, 1936, in Salina, Kansas to Max and Leona (Thompson) Clinton. Shirley grew up in Wichita and graduated from high school in 1954. She graduated from Wheaton College in 1958. Shirley married Gary William Bryan on June 13, 1958 in Wichita, Kansas. He preceded her in death on December 14, 2018. Shirley and her husband served at Metropolitan Baptist Church, Grace Bible Church, and Dallas Theological Seminary for many years.

She is survived by sons, Gary Bryan and his wife, Jennifer, of Plano, Texas, Eric Bryan and his wife, Lauren, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Philip Bryan and his wife, Rebecca, of Richardson, Texas; grandchildren, Max Bryan, Caleb Bryan, Zachary Bryan, Chloe Bryan, Abigail Bryan, Mackenzie Bryan, William Bryan, Beatrice Bryan, and Isabella Bryan; and a host of other living family and friends.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

A private family funeral and committal service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 15, 2021 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home Chapel. The service will also be live streamed at [TJMfuneral.com](https://celebrationoflife.tv/blog/shirley-ann-bryan) on Shirley's obituary page by clicking on the following link: <https://celebrationoflife.tv/blog/shirley-ann-bryan>. After the service, the recorded live stream will be available for viewing at the same link location.

Should friends desire, memorial gifts may be made to The Chaplain Bill Bryan Scholarship Fund at Dallas Theological Seminary. Make checks payable to Dallas Theological Seminary (memo: Chaplain Bill Bryan Scholarship Fund)

## Memorials

*The world misses her presence already. What a privilege to have enjoyed her mentorship of young women through DTS MOPS in the 90s. How many times have I quoted Shirley in my head? "We are raising children, not lawn."*

CHERRY ODELBURG, JANUARY 28, 2021

*I loved your mother dearly, she always had a smile on her face and the perfect thing to say no matter the situation or question! You are in my prayers.*

JANE SAWYER, JANUARY 18, 2021

*To Gary, Eric, Philip and your families. We saw Shirley and Bill 4 years ago in Plano at our cousin reunion. What a glorious time we all had. I will always treasure that time with them. Your mom was truly a lovely woman of God and I am so thankful we will all be together again someday.. Our love and condolences to all of you, Donna and Dean Thomas*

DONNA THOMAS, JANUARY 16, 2021

*I first met Shirley's husband, Bill, where he was the chaplain of Dallas Theological Seminary, then got to know Shirley. She was warm and authentic and I remember all of our conversations and looked forward to times I could see her and spend time with her. She taught me much and blessed me with her unconditional love. The Bryans treated me like a daughter and I so look forward to seeing them both again.*

LINDA TOMCZAK, JANUARY 16, 2021

*We wish we could have been at the service today We were thinking about all the family there! Though we grieve yet we rejoice Shirley is with Jesus and seeing Bill again! Gary, Eric, and Phil we love you guys! Phil and Jane*

PHIL AND JANE AYOUB, JANUARY 15, 2021

*We have never forgotten or stopped loving you at MBC in Oklahoma City*

JANIE HALL, JANUARY 15, 2021

*Shirley taught we are a **ITemple in tennis shoes!** I would tell others, **Ifollow behind Shirley and see the Glory of the Lord lead and provide for His lamb.** I wonder what Shirley's glory shoes are doing right now in eternity. We cannot even imagine. One thing we know for sure, those fingers are playing praise music on the piano as Bill is playing gloriously on his new beloved trumpet!*

*Hallelujah*

SANDRA WHITE, JANUARY 15, 2021

*Shirley was special to us. We are praying for you.*

MIKE AND JENNY CUNNINGHAM, JANUARY 15, 2021

*Shirley poured her heart into Jenny while we were at DTS. I am forever grateful for the impact that she had on our family through that ministry. During that four years I was pretty much unavailable except on weekends. Jenny had to carry the weight of not only keeping our kids but having our fourth. Shirley's ministry really help her through that time. She was a special lady.*

MIKE CUNNINGHAM, JANUARY 15, 2021

*We are praying for you and your family. We pray for peace and comfort as she is laid to rest in the comfort of Jesus ' arms.*

MR. AND MRS. WADE BIRDWELL, JANUARY 15, 2021

*So very sorry. I'm praying for you all.*

BRIAN ORTNER, JANUARY 15, 2021

*Shirley and Bill meant so much to our family. They both had a great impact on Don and me, as well as our children. I visited Shirley a number of times after Bill died when I was in Dallas. She kept me updated about her children and grandchildren. She was so proud of all of you. As I am sure you know, she wanted to see Jesus and her beloved Bill. What a reunion that was! I know you miss your mother and father.....the great news is you will see them again!  
Blessing, Rita Spencer*

RITA SPENCER, JANUARY 14, 2021

*Our Sincerest condolences*

EVA & RON ROBINS, JANUARY 14, 2021

*Shirley and Chaplain Bill were my favorite to see and be with at Mt. Hermon Christian Campgrounds. me and my friends would look for them first thing once DTS people showed up. They always remembered us and greeted us warmly. The way Bill played his trumpet and she the piano was no comparison. Their hearts were always filled with love for the Lord and others. Very special people indeed and are greatly missed. Looking forward to seeing*

*both in heaven one glorious day.*

**JOAN WEISS, JANUARY 12, 2021**

*Shirley left a beautiful legacy of love. May God comfort you with many memories over the coming days and the great hope of reunion when we see Jesus!*

**RACHEL CHRISTY, JANUARY 12, 2021**

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bryan family as you celebrate the life of faithful servant.*

**BOB & ALEXIS JACK, JANUARY 11, 2021**

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