



## Shelbie Jean Cummings

September 1, 1937 - April 30, 2020

Shelbie Jean Cummings, 82, of Marianna, Florida, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, April 30, 2020.

Shelbie was born September 1, 1937 in Grand Ridge, Florida. A member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, she attended Berry College and majored in opera. Shelbie eventually earned a degree in education and taught high school English for nearly forty years where she shared her love of writing and reading with thousands of students. She was passionate about making a difference in the lives of everyone she taught. One of the most notable memories shared by her students is her reading and depiction of different characters in "Lord of the Flies." Shelbie viewed her students as our future, and felt her purpose in life was to help them and her own children reach their fullest potential. Shelbie had many talents, but her renowned baking skills were enjoyed by family and friends alike. She loved cooking for her family, reading mystery novels, and composing poetry and short stories. Shelbie will always be remembered for her intellect, generosity, and selflessness. Her former students and family will miss her supportive and kind spirit.

Shelbie was preceded in death by her parents, Rufus and Tommie Johnson, and her brothers, Harrison, Albert, and Dr. Julian Johnson.

Shelbie is survived by her five children, Q. B.(Tracy) Cummings Jr., Elizabeth (Danny) Lewis, Michael Cummings, Dwight (Kim) Cummings, and Annamarie (Michael) Johnson; her grandchildren, Adam (Mackenzie) Johnson, Christian Cummings, Josh Johnson, Kendall (Cody) Lambe, Katelynn Lewis, Brooke Cummings, Daniel Lewis, Christina Johnson, Shelbie Cummings, Alexa Cummings, Sam Cummings, and Aidan Cummings; her great-children, Criston Johnson, Coletin Johnson, Ruth Johnson, and Nodin Cummings; a very special friend, Carol Laramore; and many beloved family and friends.

A private graveside service will be conducted at Wester Cemetery with James & Sikes Funeral Home Maddox Chapel directing.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of her love for students and higher learning, the family established a scholarship, the “Cummings Always Seek Knowledge (ASK) Scholarship Fund”, to help students acquire education to better their lives. Donations made to the scholarship fund may be sent to James and Sikes Funeral Home in Marianna, Florida. Donations may also be made to Covenant Care in Marianna, Florida.

# Comments

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“ Mrs. Shelbie was a sweet lady and we enjoyed her visits with our family in NC. Praying for comfort for all the family. Cherish the precious memories of your mother. Jones Family (Christian and Alesia's family).

**Denise Bullard** - May 02 at 09:22 PM

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“ QB.....I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. My condolences and prayers to you & your family. --- Love you! Belinda Howell

**Belinda Howell** - May 02 at 11:38 AM

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“ Mrs Shelbie Cummings was one of my favorite teachers at MHS and the mother of one of my best friends, Michael Cummings. I have so many great memories of her English class as well as yearbook. We had so much fun doing the yearbook under her guidance at MHS. I'm sure she enjoyed having her son and I in English class at the same time. Lol. She had to separate us for talking numerous times but we still did what we were supposed to do. Love you Mrs Cummings. Rest In Peace.

**michael latimer** - May 01 at 09:33 PM

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“ She loved purple, a true legend. Love you mama.



**Annamarie Johnson** - May 01 at 08:13 PM