



Shelby Jean Phillips

December 7, 1938 - September 15, 2025

Shelby Jean Phillips (née Walker), 86, of Greer, South Carolina, passed away peacefully on September 15, 2025, after a long battle with cancer. A loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, she will be deeply missed.

Born to J.D. and Ruby Walker on December 7, 1938, in Central, South Carolina, Shelby was known for her faith, kindness, and generosity. She graduated from Daniel High School in Central and Draughon's Business College in Greenville. While working as an office administrator for the Agronomy Department at Clemson University, she met the love of her life, Col. (Ret) Ben Phillips, Jr. Shelby found joy in the Lord and by serving him and others, often sharing her love of hospitality and humor with her family and friends.

Shelby is survived by her husband of nearly 60 years, Col. (Ret) Ben Phillips, Jr., her children, the Rev. Ben Phillips, III (Rebecca) and Dr. Michelle Hudspeth (Chuck), her grandchildren, Lauren Hudspeth, Sarah Hudspeth, Josh Phillips, Andrew Phillips, and Hannah Kate Phillips, and her sister Diane (Harley) Alexander, two nephews and three nieces, and numerous dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A funeral service will be held at The Wood Mortuary on Friday, September 19, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be held 10:00-10:45 a.m. before the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Taylors First Baptist Church 200 West Main Street, Taylors, South Carolina 29687.

Online condolences may be made to www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

Columbia, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 19. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

SEP 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Shelby passing. Her family and mine were next door neighbors growing up and her father and my father worked together at Duke Power. She was a sweet elegant woman and a dear friend.

gail williams - September 30, 2025 at 05:50 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Shelby Jean Phillips.



September 17, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shelby Jean Phillips.

September 17, 2025 at 02:27 PM

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“ The MUSC BMT office and APPs purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shelby Jean Phillips.



The MUSC BMT office and APPs - September 17, 2025 at 10:52 AM

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“ SJCH Pediatric Hematology Oncology Team purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Shelby Jean Phillips.



SJCH Pediatric Hematology Oncology Team - September 17, 2025 at 08:09 AM

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“ Ben, I remember your beautiful mother. I so enjoyed our evening walks around 5th Avenue at Fort Knox. We had such great conversations on those walks. Our prayers for you and your family as you lay your mother to rest. Bill & Carol Matthews

Carol Matthews - September 16, 2025 at 08:11 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Shelby Jean Phillips.



September 16, 2025 at 03:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shelby Jean Phillips.



September 16, 2025 at 01:50 PM