



Walter A. Shurden

January 14, 1933 - October 29, 2025

Walter A. Shurden, 92 of Fayetteville, TN, passed away Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at Lynchburg Nursing Center in Lynchburg, Tennessee.

Walter is preceded in death by his daughter, Dawn Shurden; sisters, Frances Poteet and Grace Fairley.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Nancy M. Shurden; daughter, Leigh (Joey) Kimbrough; granddaughter, Crystal (Heath) Warden; brother, Herman (Marie) Shurden of Texas and a sister, Zenobia Ezell of Mississippi, nine nieces and nephews, extended family and lots of friends.

Per his wishes, he will be cremated, and no services are being planned at this time.

Walter was born January 14, 1933, in Greenwood, Mississippi to the late Walter H. and Beatrice W. Shurden.

He graduated from Mississippi State University in 1954 with a B.S. degree in accounting. He worked at the Marshall Space Flight Center for NASA in Huntsville, Alabama until he retired in 1993.

He enjoyed many activities such as flying, where he spent 30 years in various roles at the Fayetteville Municipal Airport, traveling, his church at Fayetteville First Baptist, where he was a member since 1963 and served in many positions. He also loved reading and working on computers.

For online guest registry please visit www.lynchburgfuneralhome.com.

Lynchburg Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Walter A. Shurden during this difficult time.

Tribute Wall

PK

“ We lived across the street for 37 years. We never met a finer Christian couple. It's going to be lonely around here.

Phil & MaryAnn Kemp - November 15, 2025 at 09:54 PM

EA

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Elle Anderson - November 12, 2025 at 07:47 PM

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Elle Anderson - November 12, 2025 at 07:44 PM

CM

“ Sometimes you don't want to sit down and write your special memory of a loved one because now you have to accept the fact that they are truly gone. You can only push out the truth so long. So it is for me right now, to think of my dear uncle, write an inadequate tribute, and let those tears flow that I have been trying to avoid. When I think of Uncle W.A., I see an amazing man who highly valued his great faith in God, family, freedom, friends and church. And everyone that knew him, knew this! Uncle W.A. truly became the patriarch of our family for many, many years. With him we felt loved, valued, and knew that we could come to him with any question or concern and he wisely offered us sound solutions or advice. He loved getting together with all our family and set the tone of always having a fun time, making each and every person feel welcomed, special, connected. Our family will always remember his boisterous laugh. He was always optimistic and responded with a WWJD (what would Jesus do) action that became natural to him as his faith in God continued to grow over the years. His life and attitude was passed down first to his 2 wonderful daughters and granddaughter, and then to his surrounding community and basically anyone he came in contact with. Uncle WA, our family once again feels a void that will not be replaced until we see you again. Until then, thank you for your humble contributions to our world. It will not be quite the same without you. To our special Aunt Nancy, Leigh, Joey, Crystal, Heath, brother Herman and Marie, and all his other family and devoted friends, my heart goes out to you as you navigate this loss and loneliness. Just remember our time without him is extremely short compared to the time we will spend "catching up" in eternity.

Carol Fairley McFarland - niece

Carol McFarland - November 07, 2025 at 07:15 PM

CG

“ *Enjoyed him from work and church, so sorry for your loss. Carolyn Greenwood*

Carolyn Greenwood - November 06, 2025 at 07:34 PM

EA

“ *One of my earliest memories of an outdoor bbq was with Uncle WA and Aunt Nancy when our family visited them in Tennessee. We lived in Mississippi at the time and I was delighted to meet my cousin Dawn and we became instant sisters and stayed in close contact from then on. As I'm sad Dawn and I always talked about traveling somewhere together and although we didn't get to I think of her often and we will certainly miss her and now a big hole at the family reunions without her folks...May the Lord bless you Joey, Leigh, Crystal and Heath..we love you and we're here for you!!!*

Elle Anderson - November 04, 2025 at 01:19 PM

KC

“ *Mrs Nancy and Family. Miki and I are saddened to hear of Mr Walter's passing. Lots of good memories flood our minds of wonderful times shared at First Baptist. Miki always said his Chocolate Pie was only one ever close to her Great Grandmother's. We lift you all up in prayers. Love Always Kenny and Miki Campbell*

Kenny and Miki Campbell - November 03, 2025 at 08:51 PM

DM

“ *To the family of Walter Shurden
(Dawn, Leigh and Joey)*

I don't know if you will remember me. Our family moved from Fayetteville in 1977. We attended church with you at First Baptist. I remember Mr. Shurden well, particularly his time as Minister of Music. I pray for your peace and comfort during this time of loss. It is particularly painful when you lose a parent.

Don McIntosh

Don McIntosh - November 03, 2025 at 03:09 PM

EA

“ Uncle WA was not only a devoted father to his own family but like a father to me and my sibs for more than 40 years since the passing of our own dad. We could go with him for fatherly advice and he traveled to California on several occasions to visit us. We also kept close contact over the years and seeing each other every two years at family reunion gatherings in Mississippi. We know he was a close brother to his sibs, traveling and motorcycling together, and of course a fun dad with his two girls and granddaughter traveling and being close by. He was also the heart and guiding light of our family. For years, he led our reunions, kept our connections strong, and ensured that our stories continued to be shared through conglomerating twice a year Newsletters and organizing family reunions every two years.

Uncle WA believed deeply in the power of family — in laughter around a table, in stories passed from one generation to the next, and in showing up for one another through all of life’s seasons. His dedication made our reunions more than events; they became traditions that knit us together.

As we grieve his loss, we will continue to honor his legacy by carrying forward what he built — staying connected, supporting one another, and keeping the family spirit alive. We love you Uncle and will tremendously miss you, and we’ll meet again soon good and faithful servant.

Ellen Fairley Shurden Anderson

Elle Anderson - November 03, 2025 at 02:09 PM

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“ Elle Anderson lit a candle in memory of Walter A. Shurden



Elle Anderson - November 03, 2025 at 01:54 PM