



## Shellean Jean White

June 30, 1927 - October 20, 2020

Shellean Jean White (nee Coon) gently walked through the gates of Heaven on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Shelley White was born in Mountain View, Oklahoma on June 30, 1927. The second of five children of Shelley Samuel Coon and Rosalie Alwin Coon (nee Golden). Shelley married the love of her life and dance partner, Wilford C. White on July 26, 1951 in Cordell, Oklahoma. Wilford and Shelley were married for 55 years and resided in Mountain Park and Oklahoma City.

Shelley grew up on a farm on the banks of the Washita River north of Mountain View, Oklahoma. Her childhood years in western Oklahoma were molded by the Great Depression and dust storms that would darken the sky and cover everything they owned with a film of fine red dirt. She received her childhood nickname “Peg” when she accompanied her father to town each Saturday and would dance to the tune “Peg o’ My Heart”. All her nieces and nephews refer to her as “Aunt Peggy” to this day. Her strength, grit, faith, hard work and dedication to family were instilled in her at a young age and were the foundation of a life well lived.

Shelley was up for adventure throughout her life. She was one of the first females in Oklahoma to receive flight training, eventually flying solo in a Piper Cub. She went into training to become a stewardess in the fledgling airline industry. Unfortunately she was too short to reach bags in the overhead

compartments. It was then that she found her life's calling as a teacher.

Shelley began her teaching career at a one room schoolhouse outside of Mountain View after World War II. She taught at the Star Valley School in Kiowa County which has long since been reduced to ruins. Born from this humble beginning as an educator was a love of learning that Shelley passed to her children, grandchildren and countless students throughout the decades. Shelley went on to earn her undergraduate and masters degrees from Southwestern State College. She worked towards her PhD at Southwestern State College all while teaching school and raising a family.

Shelley taught school at Dill City, Mountain Park, Snyder, Altus AFB, Indianahoma and Oklahoma City. It was while teaching in Dill City that Shelley met and fell in love with Wilford. Wilford and Shelley had three adoring children and raised their family in Mountain Park, Oklahoma.

In Mountain Park, Shelley coached the girls basketball team into the state playoffs for a number of years. She also developed her passion for art giving private art lessons to children from the surrounding area. Some of her students have become renowned and prolific artists. Shelley became an avid collector of Native American art, a skilled painter, and a thoughtful writer. Each of her children and grandchildren cherish the many letters and poems she wrote them throughout her life.

In her later years she enjoyed her dogs, gardening, embroidery, fabric painting and quilting. Ever the competitor, she won top awards for her fabric painting and quilting at numerous quilt shows, county fairs, state fairs and national competitions.

She was a long time member of Springdale Baptist Church in Oklahoma City and First Baptist Church in Hobart. She enjoyed singing at church and with

family and never heard a song she couldn't dance to. She often commented that it hurt her knees to walk, but not to dance. She is certainly doing a jitterbug or square dance in Heaven today!

Shelley was rich in the love of a dedicated husband, devoted children, admiring grandchildren, a loving family, adoring students, doting friends, caring neighbors, and loyal auction customers. Shelley never knew a stranger and was always quick to give big hugs and entertaining stories to all who met her.

Shellean was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Dorothea Dirikson, Bernalie Huffer, Joan Andrews, brother Shelley S. (Bruzz) Coon Jr., husband Wilford C. White, and her son William Shelton "Bud" White. Maw Maw Shelley leaves cherished memories and is survived by her family that she adored. Daughters, Linda Kay Bolton of Norman, Shella Rose and husband Ron Stinley of Lone Wolf. Seven grandchildren, Dave and Jamie Bolton of Oklahoma City, Steve Bolton and Bob Valentine of Crested Butte, CO, Kaysie and Scott Keeney of Oklahoma City, Chris and Jill Stinley of Burneyville, OK, Lyndi Renfroe of Amarillo, TX, Bryan and Erika White of Brentwood, TN, Daniel and Lindsay White of Franklin, TN. Thirteen great-grandchildren, Shelby and Hazen Adsit, Kylie and Blake Williams, Kale Keeney, Maci Keeney, Reese Keeney, Drew Knakmuhs, Lance Stinley, Natalie Rose Renfroe, Katie Renfroe, Justin White, Jackson White, Nolan White and Parker White. One very soon to be born great-great grandchild, Emerson Kaye Adsit of Oklahoma City. Shelley also leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends and loved ones.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to their friends and family for all their love, prayers and support. Also, to all of the nurses and staff of Emerald Square Assisted Living Center and Centennial Hospice. Your never

ending compassion, concern, caring and respect is deeply appreciated.

Public Viewing will be held Friday, October 23, 2020 from 1:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. with family receiving friends from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. at Peoples Cooperative Funeral Home located at 1400 West Main, Lone Wolf, Oklahoma 580-846-9018.

Services for Shelley are scheduled for 2:00pm on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Hobart First Baptist Church in Hobart, Oklahoma with interment following at Mountain View Cemetery, Mountain View, Oklahoma.

Online condolences for Shelley can be made by visiting [www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com](http://www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



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October 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *Shellean Jean White*

October 04, 2023 at 11:28 PM

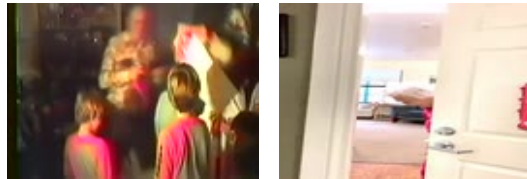


“ *We're so sorry to hear about your precious Mama! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

**David and Galeen Chain** - October 26, 2020 at 10:19 PM



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**People's Cooperative Funeral Home** - October 23, 2020 at 07:26 PM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Shellean Jean White.*



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“ I was only around Shelley a couple of handful of times, so I didn't really know her very well....but she always made me feel like we'd been friends forever. Any time I was around her, she made me feel as if she was my own Grandmother. She was always kind and generous, and quick to include me in her life. She was a very special lady, and I have always been thankful for being able to have met her. I know she will be greatly missed by a lot of people.

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**Amanda Trill** - October 23, 2020 at 04:18 PM

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“ Aunt Peggy I know you are with our lord and Uncle Wilford. You are dancing with the Angels. We will miss you. We love you so much.  
Ernie Donna and Greg.

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**Donna Escandon** - October 22, 2020 at 08:58 PM