



# Cecelia Shelton

August 8, 1953 - March 9, 2024

Cecelia was born on August 8, 1953 and took her final breath on Saturday, March 9th, 2024. She was looking forward to being in the presence of the Lord and to having a new, healthy body again.

She attended Wooddale High School in Memphis and continued to live in the surrounding area.

She met and married John Shelton, Sr. on November 20, 1981 and was living in Lakeland, TN where she has been lovingly cared for by the family in the last few years.

When she was younger, she loved running, gardening, antiques and sewing for her beautiful daughters and granddaughters and later worked as a dental assistant. She kept many small infants through the years and loved and cared for them like her own. She would often tell funny stories of how she managed several babies at the same time and kept them on a schedule. She loved to get all the family together where the laughs and memories were many and the louder the better!

She has been determinedly fighting Lupus, Fibromyalgia and MS for many years. We always described her as a Steel Magnolia because she fought her battles with so much strength, courage and grace. Her weakened body could no longer sustain continued hospital stays and dialysis treatments and with many prayers, she recently agreed that Hospice would be the most peaceful choice for her final stage of life.

She leaves her husband, soul mate and 24/7 caregiver, John W. Shelton, Sr., four daughters Lisa Smith King (Larry), Amy Smith Humphries (Barrie), Chelsea Shelton and Shannon Allison Shelton, one son, John Shelton, II, Grandson, Ashton Lebel and three Granddaughters, Taylor King Bradley (Anthony), Aubrie Ammens and Drew Allison Hanks. Lastly, she was blessed with two great grandchildren, Lucy Grace Hanks and Wyatt Tate Hanks as well as three sisters, with whom she shared a very close relationship, Wanda Perkins Bower (Jim), Tina Perkins Logan (Mike), and Sheila Perkins Wright (Steve) and

many nieces and nephews. We will never forget our “Cece”, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and beloved Sister.

Her marriage to John was one of the most important relationships to Cecelia and they both treasured every day they spent together. John continued to care for her with amazing love and patience and held her closely until her last breath where she was surrounded by her family, her sisters and amazing caregivers at Methodist Hospice Care.

Cecelia will be laid to rest at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Independence, MS with her parents, Herbert N. Perkins and Violet Coleman Perkins. A private burial will take place at a later date in May.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Association or the charity of your choice.

## 2nd Timothy 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Cecelia, my sister! I love her and will miss her! I'll see you again CeCe!❤️❤️

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