



Shirley Anne Chambers-Cassidy

January 2, 1929 - October 8, 2017

Shirley Anne Chambers Cassidy

Jennings: Services celebrating the life of Shirley Chambers Cassidy, 88, will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings with Fr. Charles McMillin, Fr. Marshall Boulet, Fr. Whitney Miller, Fr. Mickal Polson with Deacon Andrew Schumacher and Monsignor Ronald Groth officiating. Mrs. Cassidy departed this life peacefully on Sunday October 8th 2017 at Southwind Assisted Living Center. A gathering of family and friends will be held on Tuesday October 10th from 5 pm until 8pm with a rosary recited at 6 pm at Matthews and Son Funeral Home with funeral mass on Wednesday October 11th at 10:00 am at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings, with interment immediately following at Calvary Cemetery.

Shirley was the eldest of three children born to Noble Moore Chambers and Anna Andrus Chambers on January 2, 1929. Shirley grew up in Crowley where she graduated from Crowley High School as valedictorian in 1945, at age 16. In 1949 she graduated from SLI (now ULL) with a BS degree in vocal music. She taught for several years in Church Point, Crowley, Jennings and Washington until she met and married the love of her life, Edward Thomas II "Tom" Cassidy, Jr. and married on October 25, 1952. Their marriage was blessed with seven children and spanned 56 years before Tom's death in 2008.

Besides being quite busy raising 6 sons and a daughter, Shirley belonged to many civic and social groups including Little Theater both in Crowley and Jennings, founder of the Thursday Coffee Club in 1955 which is still active, member of Entre Nous, DAR, Revelers, Pokeno Groups, life time member of Jeff Davis Arts Council, patron of Friends of Museum and other organizations throughout her lifetime too numerous to name.

Shirley will be forever remembered as one of the most beautiful voices that reverberated in our OLHC church whether as soloist, choir member or cantor; she led our congregation for decades. She sang for weddings, funerals, wakes, retreats, renewals and other social engagements throughout the area, but predominantly through Our Lady Help of Christians. Her voice was unforgettable.

She was involved in every aspect of church work including RCIA, renewal programs, teaching Catechism, Helping Hands, Catholic Daughters and Altar Society. Shirley was the first woman Real Estate Broker in Jeff Davis Parish. Her honors include being named Lady Commander in the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher. She was also honored by the City of Jennings as one of it's Living Legends in 2004.

Her crowning achievement was always the pride she took in her husband and children and being wife and mother.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents Noble Moore Chambers, Sr. and Anna Andrus Chambers, her sister Charlotte Chambers Mayeux, her son Kevin. Christopher Cassidy and her husband of 56 years, Edward Thomas "Tom" Cassidy, Jr.

She is survived by her brother Noble Moore Chambers, Jr. (Bobbie), and 5 sons, namely, Edward Thomas Cassidy, III (Mari), Timothy Michael Cassidy, Sr., (Debbie), Kenneth Patrick Cassidy, (Julie), David Christian Cassidy, Patrick Quintin Cassidy (Donna) and one daughter, Connie Cassidy Anzalone (Dr. Charles). She is further survived by 13 grandsons and 10 granddaughters along with 32 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be her 5 surviving sons, Ted, Tim, Kenny, Christian and

Patrick Cassidy and her son in law, Dr. Charles Anzalone. Honorary pallbearers will be her grandsons.

Special thanks to all her caregivers and healthcare providers, who gave such loving care to Shirley, in her time of need.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to OLI Library or any catholic school of your choice or to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thomas Cassidy Seminary Burse, Diocese of Lake Charles, c/o Reverend Msgr. Daniel Torres, P. O. Box 323, Lake Charles, La.

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To extend online condolences, please visit our website at www.matthewsandsfuneralhome.net

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Evangeline Rd.
Jennings, LA 70546

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - JENNINGS
511 N. Cutting Avenue
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Rosary

OCT **10**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church
710 North State St.
Jennings, LA 70546

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Anne Chambers-Cassidy

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ I really miss Mrs Shirley, R.I.P. Tears

Shannon Chambers Wilkins - November 01, 2017 at 11:03 PM



“ A kind and lovely Mother of such a kind thoughtful daughter Connie. Connie you have my love and prayers to you and your most beautiful family. You must be so proud her. My prayers are with you and yours. Diane

diane jones - October 12, 2017 at 08:53 PM



“ Sending comforting thoughts your way. We've had some happy times with sweet Aunt Shirley!

Natalie Cassidy Hawkins - October 11, 2017 at 09:52 AM



“ Mrs Cassidy sang at my wedding. She had such a beautiful voice and was such a wonderful person. She will be missed.
Paulette Van Geffen Persac

Paulette Persac - October 10, 2017 at 06:27 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Anne Chambers-Cassidy.*



October 10, 2017 at 05:45 PM



“ *Ted, Mari, Kenny, and Michael along with all of the family.....I offer my sincere sympathy!*❤️



Peggy Tupper - October 10, 2017 at 03:13 PM



George and Hilda Tupper were my parents.

Peggy Tupper - October 10, 2017 at 03:14 PM



Sending comforting thoughts your way! We've had some happy times with sweet aunt Shirley!

Natalie Cassidy Hawkins - October 11, 2017 at 09:50 AM



“ *I wish I would have known her! Prayers and condolences to all.*

Peggy Tupper - October 10, 2017 at 03:05 PM



“ 67 files added to the album LifeTributes



Matthews Funeral Home - October 10, 2017 at 02:36 PM



“ First American Title - Lea Ann, Christy & Lauren purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Shirley Anne Chambers-Cassidy.



First American Title - Lea Ann, Christy & Lauren - October 10, 2017 at 12:53 PM



“ My heart is heavy for all of you at the loss of your beautiful mother. She is blessed with such grace. A true southern belle with her kindness and gentility. She will be missed by all who know and love her but we can rest easy knowing she is in the loving arms of God, reunited with your dad and brother and all of her loved ones who have gone before her. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and I pray for God's blessing and peace for each of you in this time of sorrow.



Molly Roe - October 10, 2017 at 10:24 AM

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“ *The Shook Family purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Shirley Anne Chambers-Cassidy.*



The Shook Family - October 10, 2017 at 09:42 AM

RM

“ *She was a beautiful woman inside and out. A kind and gentle woman. Cherish her memories and carry on what she taught. Love, hugs, & prayers for her family.*

Renee Bujol Myers - October 10, 2017 at 05:51 AM

SW

“ *R.I.P. MRS SHIRLEY*

SHANNON WILKINS - October 09, 2017 at 10:56 PM

JM

“ *What a tennis player! When I think of Shirley, I picture her wearing those, "Daisy", earrings. Such a sweet lady. Have a good journey, Shirley.*

Jennie Marcantel

Jennie Marcantel - October 09, 2017 at 08:59 PM