



## Shirley M. Anderson

December 3, 1934 - February 10, 2025

Shirley Margaret Christopher Anderson, age 90, was born on December 3, 1934, in Arlington, Texas, to Henry C. and Lometa Christopher. Our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and friend passed away peacefully on February 10, 2025, and has now gone to be with the Lord. Shirley's family moved to San Antonio when she was just 6 months old. At the age of 12, they relocated to Dallas, Texas, where she attended Highland Park High School. They returned to San Antonio during her senior year, where she graduated from Jefferson High School in 1952. She continued her education at The University of Texas at Austin, where she graduated in 1956 with a degree in Home Economics. She was a sister in the Delta Zeta Sorority. After graduating, she became a lifelong member of P.E.O.

On January 28, 1956 Shirley married Joe White Anderson at Woodlawn Methodist Church, where she was a dedicated member until joining St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Three years later, they became members of University Methodist Church, where Shirley remained a faithful member throughout her life. She was active in the Builders Sunday School class, served on the Administrative Board and various committees, and represented the church as a Conference delegate for many years. Shirley especially cherished her time with the Covenant Bible Study Group on Wednesday mornings.

Shirley embarked on a 26-year career in education with the San Antonio Independent School District, teaching at Lanier High School and later at King

Elementary. She took a six-year break during this time to care for her children. In 2005, Shirley moved to Boerne, Texas, though she remained a member of University Methodist Church. She had a deep love for her family, particularly enjoying the addition of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She created many cherished memories with them in Port Aransas and Estes Park, Colorado, where they had a summer home.

Shirley is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Vicky and Keel Wheless; her son, Todd; her granddaughters and their husbands, Kay Lynn and Adam Rodarte, Shannon and Elton Jensen, Carrie and Robert Schloemer; her grandson, Austin Wheless and his wife Mallory; 9 great-grandchildren: Caden, Devin, Ashtyn, Kinsley, Annabelle, Cortland, Dax, Monroe, and McCoy (due in March!); two brothers-in-law and their wives; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and special friends.

A memorial service will be held on February 17, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at University Methodist Church, with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to University Methodist Church or to a charity of your choice.

For personal acknowledgement, please sign the online guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) in the Tributes section.

MISSION PARK FUNERAL CHAPELS NORTH  
3401 CHERRY RIDGE DR.  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78230

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB 17. 1:30 PM (CT)

University Methodist Church  
5084 De Zavala Road  
San Antonio, TX 78249

## Reception

FEB 17. 2:30 PM (CT)

University Methodist Church  
5084 De Zavala Road  
San Antonio, TX 78249

## Graveside Service

FEB 17. 3:30 PM (CT)

Mission Burial Park North  
20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257



# Tribute Wall

SI

“ Scott said it so well. Aunt Shirley and your family were such a special part of our lives. We have so many wonderful memories of visits to San Antonio and summer trips to Estes Park. Aunt Shirley truly always made us feel so welcomed and loved. I love this picture of her. It's just as I think of her with that beautiful smile. We understand the struggles of the awful disease of Alzheimer's in our loved ones. We are grieving with you over losing her, but also praising Jesus that she no longer suffers and is in the arms of our Savior. We are thinking of you, praying for you and love you all very much. Susie and Jim

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**Susie Irwin** - February 17, 2025 at 05:10 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley M. Anderson.



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February 16, 2025 at 01:00 PM

SE

“ Sandra Egger purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shirley M. Anderson.



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**Sandra Egger** - February 14, 2025 at 04:14 PM

SS

“ Hi my name is Suzanne Sproat(Wiley) I used to care for her in Generations. She was loved by many people had a heart of gold loved her family, friends, and staff. She is a woman that I will never be forgotten. She will truly be missed. My prayers and thoughts are with her family and friends. God bless you  
Shirley

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**suzanne sproat** - February 14, 2025 at 01:15 PM

SL

“ Scott, Rhonda, Rachel & Lauren purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Shirley M. Anderson.



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**Scott, Rhonda, Rachel & Lauren** - February 14, 2025 at 11:32 AM

SC

“ I would say to my sweet and beautiful Aunt Shirley, " I can't wait to see you again in glory. I so appreciate your treating Susie and me, and later our own families, like your own from the time we were born. You helped create so many of the cherished memories of our lives, opening your home for us to enjoy each other's company and just share life together when we visited SA, the decades of trips with family in Estes Park, and the times that we just talked after we were grown. Speaking for myself, you helped engender such a strong sense of family and belonging. Though I don't know if you ever realized it, you are a truly remarkable woman and you leave behind a wonderful legacy of genuinely caring people like you who make the world a better place. I thank God for you and am so grateful that because we share a Savior, this isn't a good-bye, but a see you in a little while".

*Vic, Keel, Todd and family, we love you very much and our hearts hurt with you.*

*Love, Scott, Rhonda, Rachel and Lauren*

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**Scott Christopher** - February 14, 2025 at 11:08 AM

LG

*Our dear sweet friend, Shirley was our neighbor. She had the sweetest soft voice and happy smile. Her husband Joe was our neighborhood Santa for many years. What I remember most about Shirley was her collection of antique furniture. I still live in the same home and my daughter Danielle went to school with Todd. I am deeply sorry for the loss of this beautiful person. May she be at peace. My condolences to Vicky, Todd, family , grandchildren and great grandchildren.  
Lou Gallegos*

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**Lou Gallegos** - February 19, 2025 at 03:42 PM