



## Shirley Jean Ledford

May 4, 1940 - August 27, 2023

Shirley Jean Ledford, age 83, of Cosby, passed away Sunday, August 27, 2023, at her home.

She was preceded in death by her husband Boyd (Bud) Ledford; parents, Elmer and Elva Sweeten; sisters, Hazel McAmis, Della Jo Calfee, and Fayette and Univee Sweeten; brothers, Harold and Carroll Sweeten.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Gary Ledford and Darrell and Christine Ledford; granddaughter, Heather McGaha; grandsons, Lucas, Logan and Christopher Ledford; great granddaughters, Gracelynn McGaha and Laura McGaha; nephew Mike McAmis; Special "Thank You" to her niece Judy Edmonds for all her help, love and support; also other family and friends. The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm Tuesday, August 29, 2023 with funeral service following at 7 pm in Manes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Leon Large officiating.

Burial will be held 11 am Wednesday, August 30, 2023, in the Ledford Family Cemetery.

Family and friends may sign the guest register on line at: [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

AUG **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821

## Funeral service

AUG **29**. 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821  
(423) 623-6952  
manesfuneralhome@bellsouth.net  
<https://www.manesfuneralhome.com/index.cfm>

## Burial

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ledford Family Cemetery  
5040 Ledford Road  
Cosby, TN 37722

# Tribute Wall

AH

“ So sorry for your loss, Jean was a sweet and kind woman.

Amanda Henderson - November 13, 2023 at 08:11 PM

DT

“ Please accept my condolences for your loss of Jean. Bud and Jean were Harry and my best, truest, and supportive friends. I always enjoyed being with them. I will miss talking to Jean as I called to check on her September 14. She certainly was a good and kind person. RIP, Dear Friend

Diannia Teague - September 15, 2023 at 11:14 PM

VC

“ Gary and Sam, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Vickie Butler Costner - August 30, 2023 at 01:18 PM

TW

“ So sorry to hear about Jean. She was always so nice to both me & Donnie. Thoughts and prayers to all her family. Donnie & Teresa Webb

Teresa Webb - August 30, 2023 at 09:04 AM

WW

“ Billy Webb's family (Wilma)



Wilma Webb - August 29, 2023 at 10:57 PM

WW

“ I am so sorry for your loss,my late husband Billy Webb & Bud were long time buddies.

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**Wilma Webb** - August 29, 2023 at 10:52 PM

PM

“ Pat McClain lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ledford



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**Pat McClain** - August 29, 2023 at 10:06 PM

JM

“ Sam and Gary were so sorry for your loss Jean was a caring kind person who was a good friend. She made some tasty apple butter she loved sharing with friends and family.She loved canning and gardening and had a green thumb. I loved the visits we got to share. Love and prayers



*Judy &Shannon McGaha*

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**Judy McGaha** - August 29, 2023 at 05:50 PM

SH

“ Prayers for the family !!! 🙏  
Eddie and Susan Hance  
& Bobbie Jo Valentine



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**Susan Hance** - August 29, 2023 at 03:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley Jean Ledford.*



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August 29, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley Jean Ledford.

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August 29, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *It was a pleasure of my life to have met and learned so many things about canning and many other things from granny Jean and hearing about the history of Cosby back in the day from Bud. They will both hold a special place in my heart and my daughter Kayley's as well. Of all days for her time to come I think it's precious that she was able to reunite with her beloved husband on his birthday ❤️*

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**Amy Berger** - August 29, 2023 at 12:39 AM



“ *So saddened to learn this. I spent about as much time at their house growing up as I did ours. She was a good woman and Mother.*

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**Gay Williamson** - August 28, 2023 at 07:49 PM

KK

“ Our family will always remember Bud and Jean with love. Gary and Sam...she was a good woman and mother. We will always remember the good times.

*Kay Keener*

Karen Keener - August 28, 2023 at 06:46 PM

LB

“ Linda Baxter lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ledford



Linda Baxter - August 28, 2023 at 11:48 AM

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“ Gary, Sam and family I am sorry to hear the lost of your mother.



Nancy Matthews Owens - August 28, 2023 at 08:59 AM

DO

“ So sorry to hear of the death of Jean. I'll always remember the first time Kay and I visited their home. While I interviewed Bud for a series of articles about Cosby, Jean and Kay enjoyed their visit in an opposite corner of the room. We became close friends that day and remained so through the years. They were lovely people.

Duay O'Neil - August 27, 2023 at 07:08 PM