



Sherry Lea Maples

September 29, 2021

MAPLES, SHERRY LEA, age 77, of Knoxville, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on September 29, 2021. She was a graduate of Fulton High School, Class of 1962. After graduating, she went to work for the Southern Bell Telephone Company. From 1963 to 1983 she was a Private Branch Exchange (PBX) operator at St. Mary's Medical Center. She served as Supervisor of the hospital's operators and held a number of local and state offices with the International PBX/TeleCommunicator's Organization, including serving as its International President in 1982. After joining the staff of the Downtown Hilton Hotel in 1983, Sherry served as Director of the Personnel Department and in its Public Relations Department until 1998. She then joined Lowe's in Maryville and served as a Manager of Human Resources from 1998 until she retired in June, 2011. She was a two-time breast cancer survivor and always shared her story of God's healing in her life. She was a faithful member of Wallace Memorial Baptist Church commencing in 1992 where she served in many capacities including the Western Heights ministry. Preceded in death by her father, Lillard White, mother, Beda Bridges White, stepmother, Opal Curtis White, sisters Audrey Ruth White Woods, Ruth White Madden, and Linda Sue White Woods, and brothers Clemith White, Haston Devon White, and Lowell Bernard White. Survived by husband, Walter Maples, whom she called the "love of my life", sister Melissa K. Elliott and brother-in-law Mike Elliott, brothers Leonard Gerald White and Tony White, nephew Kevin Elliott, and her precious little dog, Riley Lee. A graveside service for family and friends will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, October 8, 2021 at Greenwood Cemetery on Tazewell Pike with Rev. Kent Williams officiating. Online condolences may be extended at <http://www.rosefuneraltn.com>

Events

OCT **Graveside Service** 01:00PM

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Greenwood Cemetery

3500 Tazewell Pike, Knoxville, TN, US, 37918

Comments



“ My heart is broke due to the loss of my best friend. I keep expecting you to walk through the door saying, " hi mom", or giving you advice and you saying, " okay mom". I miss you so very much and I love you as if you were my own daughter. You were part of my family. I get comfort in knowing one day I will see you again. I love you.

Sandra Page - October 09 at 05:56 PM



“ When we lose someone we deeply love, our hearts are broken. The loss is never completely forgotten. But the love shared and memories made with that person give us strength to continue without them in our life.
Aunt Sherry touched my life in many ways. She helped me secure part-time employment at St Mary's Hospital Emergency Room as a receptionist while I was a student at UT.
Sherry provided strength and compassion to my Mom (Sherry's big sister) when Mom desperately needed a friend and ally.
I am so grateful that Sherry and I were able to reconnect recently and share several very enjoyable visits! I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to tell Sherry "I Love You"!
Teresa Madden Hale

Teresa Hale - October 09 at 10:07 AM



“ She was a sweet neighbor here at our apartments. Prayers for the family and Riley...

Lisa Stroupe - October 07 at 11:55 AM



“ My condolences to the family

Kylene Hansard - October 07 at 09:56 AM