



## Aileen M Sherline

July 14, 1932 - October 24, 2016

Aileen M. Sherline

Mattoon, IL – Frances “Aileen” Mitchell Sherline, returned to her heavenly home on October 24, 2016, surrounded by her family and friends. Her devotion to her family and her firm belief in God supported her and ultimately brought her peace. She passed along her love of Christ to her children, which helps guide them today.

Aileen was born to the late James J. Mitchell and Bertha C. Mitchell in Stony Point, NC, July 14, 1932. She grew up in Stony Point, NC, near the beautiful Smokey Mountains, picking cotton, raising chickens, and attending a one room school house. Aileen was blessed with a large and loving family. She was the youngest of ten children with the four eldest being sisters, followed by five brothers and then Aileen. She is preceded in death by all of her siblings. Aileen graduated from Mitchell College in NC. After graduation she worked for the Federal Government in Washington, DC, as she joined several of her brothers and sisters who were already working there. While living in DC, she met her future husband and love of her life. A few years later, they moved to Illinois and were married. After raising her children, she decided to return to school and received her teaching degree from Eastern Illinois University. She taught Business Education in the Mattoon School District and the Sullivan School District for over twenty years. While at Sullivan, she sponsored the yearbook which won several national awards.

Aileen was an educator at heart as she dedicated her later years to the

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener program where she taught her love of gardening to those who shared her passion. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association of Coles County. She attended the First Baptist Church of Mattoon where she taught both children and adult Sunday school. Aileen was known in the area as a true and humble servant. She cared for numerous people outside her family by baking, cooking, visiting, and taking care of other people's needs. She was known to have special recipes for cookies, pies, salsa, sauces, and casseroles. She was also an original volunteer and served on the Mattoon BagelFest committee for over twenty years. Aileen was known to have a fresh garden tomato on every bagel she ate. She had many dear friends who she sang with, laughed with, and loved. Aileen married Harold "Albert" Sherline on August 3, 1956, in Springfield, Illinois. They recently celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. With Aileen being from North Carolina and Al from Maryland, their summer vacations were spent up and down the east coast with their families. They loved all the beaches from Myrtle Beach, SC, to Ocean City, MD. She also was a huge Chicago Cubs fan and was able to watch the Cubs win the National League Pennant and advance to the World Series this year. She helped nurture her children's talents in music and sports and attended hundreds of concerts, sporting events, and other activities. Recently, she continued her support of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren by watching them participate in church, in school, and in sports.

Aileen is survived by her husband, Al; her daughters, Dixie McQuality (Rod), and Lori Coady (Tim); her son, Chuck Sherline (Michelle); her grandchildren, Matt McQuality (Kelsey) of Avon, OH, Cara Kern (Nathaniel) of Chatham, IL, Tyler and Nathan Coady of Taylorville, IL, James and Sophia Sherline of Chicago, IL; and her great-grandchildren, Landon and Keegan McQuality of Avon, OH.

A memorial service in her honor will begin at 1:00 p.m., Friday, October 28, 2016, at the First Baptist Church of Mattoon, with Reverend Dennis Strawn officiating. A Celebration of Life will be held at the church from 11:00 a.m. until

the service begins. Aileen requests that guests arrive in casual clothing to make it a celebration of her life. She will be buried at a later date at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield, IL. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938, is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mattoon First Baptist Church 804 S 9th St, Mattoon, IL 61938 or the Illinois Extension Master Gardner Program. Checks for the Illinois Extension Master Gardner Program should be made to "U of I Extension" with (Coles County Master Gardeners) "CCMG - Sherline" in the memo line. They may be mailed to University of Illinois Coles County Extension, 707 Winsdor Road, Suite A, Charleston, IL 61920.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with her family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
1804 S 9th Street  
Mattoon, IL 61938

## Service

OCT **28**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Aileen M Sherline*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Michael Moody lit a candle in memory of Aileen M Sherline*



**Michael Moody** - November 09, 2016 at 04:06 PM



“ *I didnt have the honor of meeting Aileen. I feel like I have met her through meeting her son Chuck. Her light will continue to shine through him, his sisters, grano children and great grandchildren. May all of those that know her and her family find peace in your memory's of Aileen.*



**Connie Girgenti** - October 29, 2016 at 08:58 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss! Great memories of our high school days with your family! Know you will miss Aileen. Diana (Cloyd) Greene*

**Diana (Cloyd) Greene** - October 29, 2016 at 01:55 PM

MD

“ Aileen was a true neighbor and friend to my mom (Frieda Noll) who lived across the street on Oak Avenue. They shared many good stories about children/grandchildren. Flowers were another frequent topic. When mom became blind, Aileen was always showing up at the door with a plate food. After her & Al moved across town, mom's house was a stop on the way home from Rural King to bring her a bag of popcorn & have a short visit. Mom has been living with me in Virginia for the past 4 years; but still talks about the good times on Oak Avenue. Al we know how much you will miss her; 60 years was not enough. God by with you.

*Marilyn Doyle & Frieda Noll*

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**Marilyn Doyle** - October 29, 2016 at 08:27 AM

SF

“ So sorry for your loss. Al, we love you and are praying for you!! Al and Aileen have been so generous and kind to us and have treated us like family! They have always gone above and beyond in everything they do. When we first started to attend First Baptist Church, Al and Aileen made sure to always come say hi and give the kids candy and a freshly made coin. They were truly one of the main reasons we continued to attend FBC. They made it feel like home and always made each one of us feel special. Our loss here on earth but heavens gain. Prayers for your family!



*Scott and Marla Rhine and family*

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**Scott and Marla Rhine and family** - October 28, 2016 at 11:58 AM



“ *Mrs. S was truly a person of Faith, Character and Strength, She lived her values, which reached many people. She will be missed by many.*

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**Stanton Hazzard** - October 28, 2016 at 10:35 AM



“ *Stanton Hazzard lit a candle in memory of Aileen M Sherline*



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**Stanton Hazzard** - October 28, 2016 at 10:19 AM



“ *I am so grateful for having Aunt Aileen in my life! She was the kindest, most caring and gentle person I have ever known. I so loved talking to her as her voice was so soothing and her optimism so refreshing. She has been like a life-long friend, and I will miss knowing she is here.*

*My deepest sympathy goes out to her close family in Illinois. I hope you will find some comfort in all your beautiful shared memories of her.*

*Rest In Peace dearest Aileen!  
Phyllis Edgerly*

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**Phyllis Edgerly** - October 28, 2016 at 10:18 AM

CE

“ Rest in Peace Aileen ! We will forever remember the wonderful times we have shared with you and Al. So sorry we could not come to the visitation as we are still in the Florida Keys at this time.  
Clark Carol Esarey

Clark & Carol Esarey - October 28, 2016 at 09:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Aileen M Sherline.



October 28, 2016 at 09:05 AM

AE

“ Angie (Locke) Elzy-Carroll lit a candle in memory of Aileen M Sherline



Angie (Locke) Elzy-Carroll - October 27, 2016 at 03:36 PM

AE

*I have been a student and dear friend of Mrs. Sherline since 1982. Also a very close friend of Al (Mr. Sherline) since 1998. They frequented the Mattoon Area YMCA where I was employed for 10 years. They were very good to me during some troubled times in my life and I could never show how very much I appreciated them. Aileen (it's hard for me to call her anything but Mrs. Sherline. Ha.) She was a class act as my teacher, Y participant, and my friend, til the very end. She was always so glad to see me and it breaks my heart that I won't get to experience that feeling again. She was a wonderful mentor, and will NEVER be forgotten. Love to all who have lost her. <3*

Angie (Locke) Elzy-Carroll - October 27, 2016 at 03:43 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Aileen M Sherline.*



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October 27, 2016 at 08:28 AM



“ *Aunt Aileen was a special Lady. I remember when I would catch the bus at Grandma Mitchell's as a 8-10 year old Aileen would always get up early and come talk to me and encourage me about doing good things for others. Really a special lady, Many other thoughts and talks over the years. I'm so sorry for you loss and confident in the next visit with her will be so exciting in that day! Gary Mitchell*

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**Gary Mitchell** - October 27, 2016 at 07:59 AM



“ *Coach Sherline and family. You are in my prayers during this difficult time. May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. God Bless you.*

*David Barker- Tulsa, Ok.  
Class of '59 THS*

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**David Barker** - October 26, 2016 at 04:05 PM

SF

“ Mrs. Sherline was my teacher for many classes at Sullivan High School. I was also on the yearbook staff under her . She was a wonderful teacher and person. I spent many hours between classes and yearbook with her, and I admired and respected her immensely. She will be missed! I'm sorry for your loss!



*Sally Hargis Fedrigan (class of '86)*

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Sally Hargis Fedrigan - October 26, 2016 at 03:32 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Aileen M Sherline.



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October 26, 2016 at 01:21 PM

KT

“ Please let me express my deepest sympathies for the loss of your wife/mother/ grandmother. I was blessed to be one of her students from Sullivan High School back in 1979-80. My life took an expected turn my senior year, and Mrs. Sherline was the only teacher who reached out to help me make a decision that has affected the rest of my life. Without her guidance and genuine care for me, I would not be the person I am today. My only regret is that I never told her how much she influenced me in my life and career. What is amazing is that she made each of her students feel this way, because I have heard others over the years refer to her in this same manner. I pray that by sharing this with you it will bring you comfort to know that she was loved and admired by so many of her students. I also pray that God will hold you in his hands as you mourn her loss but also assure you that we will see her again in Heaven. May God bless all of you!

*With deepest sympathies,  
Kim Tish*

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**Kim Tish** - October 26, 2016 at 12:12 PM



“ *Khin Laj lit a candle in memory of Aileen M Sherline*



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**Khin Laj** - October 26, 2016 at 09:01 AM

Jl

“ Mrs. Sherline taught my Business classes at Sullivan High School. Even after all these year, it doesn't seem right to call her “Aileen”. I will never forget working on the yearbook staff during high school. Those were great times! Mrs. Sherline was an amazing woman and mentor who genuinely cared about all of us. After graduation, she continued to keep up with me and my family. She will be greatly missed. Prayers to all of those who loved her as I did.

Jill (Sutton) Inman  
Sullivan High School  
Class of 1991

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**Jill Inman** - October 26, 2016 at 08:32 AM

TO

“ I would like to express my sympathy to the Sherline family. Aileen always had a smile on her face and lit up a room when she entered. Her kindness and sweet words always brought a smile to my face. Heaven has received another angel and she will be missed here on earth. My condolences.

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**Terri (Grim) Oakley** - October 26, 2016 at 08:30 AM

AS

“ My heart goes out to all her family and friends. Girl Scout songs and memories of field trips have been flying through my mind all night. I learned to crochet at Mrs. Sherline's house. I was always amazed at how she kept up with what so many of us have done since high school. I always enjoyed our talks whenever our paths crossed. The world was blessed to have her as part of our community.

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**Anita Segó** - October 25, 2016 at 10:22 PM

SS

“ Dear Coach and Family, What a tremendous loss to all of you.. My love for Eileen and Coach go all the way back to Taylorville. I never lost contact in all the years..

Please tell Coach the President of his Fan Club sends her heartfelt sympathy. Eileen was special to all that knew her. We will be heading for Tville the next month. Will definitely look for Coach. Bonnie told me he broke a hip and I told her we went to see him in the nursing home.. She then corrected me and said no this is a different hip!!

Sorry we won't be able to attend the funeral.. We are leaving on a cruise this Thursday

Sincerely,  
Sharon Loeb Stone  
Class of 1959

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Sharon L Stone - October 25, 2016 at 10:12 PM

MS

“ I taught with Aileen at Sullivan High School and will always remember her laughter and loving ways. Years after I moved to AZ, 2003 in fact, I received a package from Aileen. Much to my surprise, she was browsing at an antique shop in Southern IL and found the book, My Home, a Little Golden Book, which had belonged to my daughter, Angie. Aileen could not believe it when she saw Angie's name on the inside cover and bought it to send to me. That story reflects the kindness of this special lady. She touched many lives and will be greatly missed. Love you, Aileen!!

Mary Ann Sphar

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Mary Ann Sphar - October 25, 2016 at 05:42 PM