



## Shirley Ann Hurst Akin

September 6, 1943 - February 13, 2020

Mrs. Shirley Ann Hurst Akin, age 76, of Griffin, passed away on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at the Hope Center in Fayetteville, Ga.

Mrs. Akin was born on August 6, 1943 in South Bend, ID. She was the daughter of the late Stuart L. and Ruth F. Hurst. Shirley grew up in Macon, Ga. and was a Graduate of the University of Georgia. She was a retired educator for the Spalding County School System where she worked as a Guidance Counselor. Mrs. Akin was a member of the First United Methodist Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph S. Akin and sister, Donna Hurst Jones.

Survivors include her nephews and their spouses, Elvin (Butch) Jones Jr. and Michael of Charleston, S.C. and Lee Jones and Tracie of North Augusta, S.C.; great niece, Kaylee Jones of Aiken, S.C.; cousins, Shelda Hurst and Randy Covington of Camilla, Ga., Brenda Hurst and Tom Pollack of Albany, GA. , and Kathryn Dirks Kent of Excelsior, MN.

Private family graveside funeral services for Mrs. Shirley Ann Hurst Akin will be held on Monday, February 17, 2020 at 11:00AM in the Macon Memorial Park.

For online condolences please visit [www.haistenmcculloughfuneralhome.com](http://www.haistenmcculloughfuneralhome.com).

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, 1155 Everee Inn Rd. in Griffin is assisting with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Macon Memorial Park

# Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Ann Hurst Akin

October 07, 2023 at 09:35 AM



Georgia  
Champion

“ Shirley was basically in charge of Unit 1 in Griffin when I first started teaching there. She was a great help and a lovely, strong lady. You have my sympathy.

Georgia Champion - March 11, 2020 at 07:59 PM



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“ Shirley was one of the counselors at Spalding Junior High (9th grade) when I began my 31 years in education. She helped mold me into the educator I became and could not have done it without her guidance and compassion. She was an icon in the school system and touched so many countless lives. She will be remembered with tremendous fondness and love. All my thoughts and prayers go out to her family and for Shirley: GO DAWGS!  
Deepest sympathy,  
Stan Mangham

Stan Mangham - February 19, 2020 at 05:24 PM

DB

*Shirley was my mentor in so many ways. I started teaching in March and when I didn't know what to do, Shirley would come to my rescue. And I wasn't the h only one. She mentored so many of us and was so patient with all of us. We called her and Eddie and Janice the "dream team". They don't make them like Shirley any more. Prayers for her family and the loss of a one of a kind woman. I know she and Joe are dancing in Heaven and are dressed in their Georgia garb. So glad to have her in my life. She made me better than I ever thought I could be.*

*Denise Burrell*

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**Denise S Burrell** - February 21, 2020 at 10:51 AM

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*I loved you Mrs. Akin in middle school. You was an awesome counselor that helped me through some hard times. You was so sweet & caring & was always there to listen & help. RIP Mrs. Akin you made a difference in my life & I know you did in many others. I know God got him a good angel because you was an angel on earth ❤️*

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**Susan Mann** - December 29, 2022 at 08:43 PM