



Sherry Gail McElyea

November 22, 1950 - March 23, 2026

Sherry Gail (Wright) McElyea, 75, passed away peacefully in her home on March 23, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family.

The funeral will be Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home, with Jackson Cox leading the service. Visitation will be Thursday, from 11:00 to 12:45 p.m. Pallbearers will be Marty McElyea, Blake McMahan, Caleb King, Jamie Evans, Jamie Nelms, Larry Birdwell, and Colby Cooter.

Sherry was born on November 22, 1950, in Decatur, AL, to her parents, Elgie and Sarah (Birdwell) Wright. She was the third of five children. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Hiram "Buddy" Wright. She is survived by her husband, Bill McElyea, and her children: Travis McElyea (Daphne) and Karen Williams (Barry). She has four granddaughters: Kayla King (Caleb), Riley McMahan (Blake), Tessa Cox (Jackson), and Jadyne McElyea. Sherry has five cherished great-grandchildren: Ellery, Lane, Ivey, Ridge, and Nollie. Sherry also has three loving sisters: DeWanda Chambers (Jim), Kathy Evans (Ron), and Jeanna Cooter (Billy).

Sherry was a devoted wife to her beloved husband, Bill, and a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was a faithful Christian known for her kind and gentle spirit and her warm, beautiful smile. Sherry enjoyed taking an annual trip to Fort Walton Beach, where she made everlasting memories with her family. She also loved cheering on the Crimson Tide, and she was always eager for a good shopping trip.

Sherry had a true servant's heart and spent many years caring for others as a dedicated nurse, where she lovingly tended to countless children. Sherry had a special love for children and babies that remained with her throughout her life.

Sherry also had a love for music. She sang with her sisters in their band, "The Wrights", in her earlier years and was a longtime member of her church's choir at 7 Mile Post Road Church of Christ. Music, especially hymns, brought a special comfort to Sherry in her last days.

Above all, Sherry will be remembered for her meek and gentle spirit, her unwavering faith, and the deep love she had for her family. Her legacy lives on in the many lives she touched with her kindness, care, and devotion.

Cemetery Details

Dement Cemetery

17586 Dement Rd
Athens, AL 35611

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Limestone Chapel Funeral Home
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Funeral

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Tribute Wall

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“ Alan & Dee Murphy purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Sherry Gail McElyea.



Alan & Dee Murphy - March 25 at 05:47 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sherry Gail McElyea.



March 25 at 04:21 AM

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“ Sherry was a sweet caring person. Always ready to help someone. I remember when we both were younger and our boys played Little League Baseball. Paul Jr and Randy Bates were the coaches. It didn't matter if the team won or lost it was a good day for friends to get together and have a good time. Sherry always brought those delicious hot dogs for our end of the year party for the team. Those were the best hot dogs I have ever eaten.
We had some good times together on those fields.
She and her sisters had the most beautiful voices I have ever heard.
Rest in peace sweet lady.

Betty Smith - March 24 at 03:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sherry Gail McElyea.

March 24 at 11:10 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sherry Gail McElyea.



March 24 at 11:10 AM



“ I am so glad that I was able to get to know Miss Sherry. She was one of the most kind and caring people I have ever known. I remember her and Mr Bill getting ready to go crappie fishing together. She is going to be deeply missed. M Bill, Travis and Miss Karren if there is anything at all I can do for yall just let me know

Justin - March 23 at 10:05 PM



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