



Maxine Marie Shawver

October 24, 1936 - December 30, 2020

Maxine Marie Shawver, a long-time resident of Forrest City and St. Francis County, died December 30, 2020, at Forrest City Medical Center. She was 84.

Maxine was born in Akron, Ohio, on October 24, 1936, to Max Shawver, a native of Newcastle, and Hulda Marie Johnson Shawver. Her parents moved to Widener when she was 2 years old. Her family later built a general store at Widener Junction, which they operated for more than 30 years.

Maxine attended elementary school at Madison and graduated from Forrest City High School. After graduation, she was trained as an x-ray technician at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock. She moved to Chicago, where she worked at several hospitals and became one of the first nuclear medicine technologists in the nation.

Maxine remained in the Chicago area for more than 20 years before returning to Arkansas in 1980 to care for her aging parents at Widener Junction. She worked as a nuclear medicine technologist at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis for more than 15 years before her retirement in the late 1990s.

In 2007, Maxine moved to Forrest City and lived on North Forrest Street for ten years before moving to the St. Francis Assisted Living Community because of debilitating rheumatoid arthritis. She was active in the First United Methodist Church, where she was a faithful member of the Chancel Choir, a teacher of the Homer Towns Sunday School Class and an officer in the United Methodist Women.

Survivors include her sister, Teddye Shawver Clayton, and brother-in-law, William E. Clayton, of Alexandria, Virginia.

A service may be held at a later date. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are to be made to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 66, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72336. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the online registry.

Tribute Wall

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“ Seems like I've known Maxine forever. She was one of a kind. I lived in Widener about a mile from her house. Always a joy to see her. So sorry Teddy. Would love to see. ❤️ Shannon Busby.

Shannon Busby - January 11, 2021 at 09:01 PM

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“ so sorry for ya, ll loss may god put angels around ya, ll family she will be missed amen.



carol cummings - January 05, 2021 at 05:06 PM

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“ She will be missed , Russell Courtney, and Dorothy



Russell Courtney - January 04, 2021 at 01:50 PM

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Maxine was a very special person to our family. She was one of my mother's best friends for many years (Sara Parker). They went on many memorable trips together after their retirement. So sorry to hear of her passing. Pat Hamilton

Pat Hamilton - January 04, 2021 at 08:33 PM