Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



Mrs. Maxine Sherley
October 11, 1941 – March 19, 2026

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026 ~ 2:00PM
KENSINGTON WOODS CHURCH OF CHIRST
415 S. 40TH AVENUE
HATTIESBURG, MS. 39402

Bro. Dennis Hardaway, Officiant

Order of Service

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SCRIPTURE

PRAYER

SELECTION

OBITUARY READ (SILENTLY)

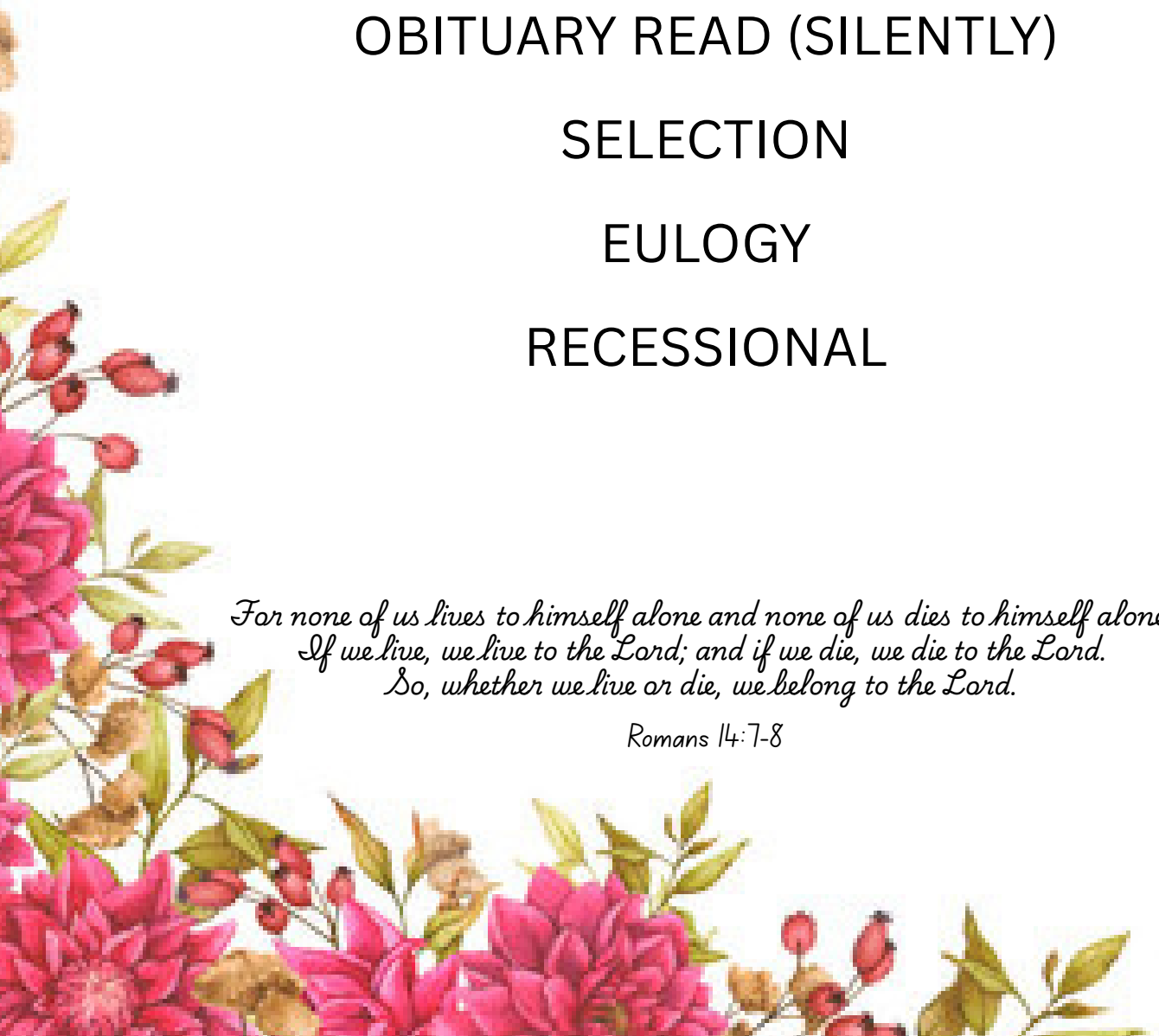
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For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone.
If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord.
So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Romans 14:7-8



Obituary

Maxine Sherley was born on October 11, 1941, in Prentiss, MS, to the late Archie and Gracie Gray. She was the 6th of seven children. Maxine left Mississippi and relocated to Chicago, IL, with her children.

Maxine completed her education in Chicago. She worked various jobs to help support her family.

Maxine was united in Holy Matrimony on December 29, 1984, to Ronald Sherley. Ronald and Maxine shared 35 years of marriage. Although they did not have children of their own, he was an excellent father to her six children.

Maxine was famous for her cooking and cake baking. She was lovingly known as the "Cake Lady." She also enjoyed her flower garden during the summer.

Maxine was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Ronald Sherley, and her son, Michael Fairley Sr., of Chicago, IL; one sister, Selma Todd, of Chicago, IL; and four brothers, Albert Charles Fry and Bobby James Gray, both of Collins, MS, Earnest Gray, and Archie Gray Jr., Hattiesburg, MS.

Maxine leaves to cherish her memory, her children: Maxie Brooks Hattiesburg, Ms., Alfredia (Antonio) Brannon, of Douglasville, GA, Jonathan (Conda) Fairley, of Chicago, IL., Terry (Detra) Fairley, of Baton Rouge, LA., Robert (Lauran) Fairley, of, Chicago, IL., and two loving sisters, Pearl Leggett and Bobbie Hinton, both of Hattiesburg, MS. She also leaves to cherish her memory a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Then I heard a voice from heaven say,
"Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."
"Yes," says the Spirit,
"they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

Revelation 14:13

PALLBEARERS

Brandon McNair
Herman Smith Jr.
Michael Fairley Jr.
DeAndre Johnson
Justice Powell
Lyron Hope

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Family of Maxine Sherley wishes to extend our sincere gratitude to each of you for all acts of kindness rendered during the loss of our loved one. Thank you for all of the calls, texts, prayers, food, donations, and just for being there for us as we bereaved. The Sherley family would also like to thank the staff at Asbury Hospice for their love and support during this difficult time.
My God continue to bless each of you is our prayer.

The Sherley Family

INTERMENT

Highland Cemetery
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

REPAST

Kensington Woods Church of Christ
415 S. 40th Ave.
Hattiesburg, MS 39402

SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:

J & M Funeral Home
732 Dixie Ave
Mendenhall, MS 39114



Memories...



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Mama,

Our lives go on without you
But nothing is the same.
We have to hide our heartaches
When someone speaks your name.

Sad are the hearts that love you
Silent the tears that fall.
Living our lives without you
Is the hardest part of all.

You did so many things for us
Your heart was kind and true.
And when we needed someone
We could always count on you.

The special years will not return
When we were all together.
But with the love within our hearts
You will walk with us forever...

Always in our hearts



Grandma's Gone to Heaven

One quiet day the angels came and took Grandma far away
But in the stillness of the night, I could almost hear her say,

"Dear grandchild"- I will miss you, you mean so much to me
But Jesus called me to His side in Heaven I will be.

A place of God's great beauty, no tears of earthly cares
Only peace and joy forever and love beyond compare.

So, remember all the good times, don't think about the sad
Treasure all the special moments through the years
we've always had.

And if you trust in Jesus, I can promise this and more
You will get a hug from Grandma someday past Heaven's golden gates.

~We love you always, Nana