

Celebrating the Life
of
Mary Dale Shinn
February 4, 1920 - October 9, 2022



October 15, 2022

3 p.m.

Sanctuary
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Houston, Texas

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The family invites you to a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Order of Service

Prelude Rob Landes

*Entry of Family

Word of Grace Dr. Linda Christians

Invocation

Solo *How Great Thou Art* HOW GREAT THOU ART
Wayne Ashley, soloist

Readings from Holy Scripture

Psalm 23 (unison)

1 Corinthians 13

Brittany Valdez & daughter, Hannah

John 14-14, 18-19, 24-27

Heather Lowery

*Hymn

314 *In the Garden* GARDEN

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Remembrances

Jeff Campbell
Melissa Lowery

Word of Faith

Dr. Linda Christians

Special Music Medley

Rob Landes

*Prayer of Commendation (in unison)

O God, all that you have given us is yours.

As first you gave Mary Dale to us,
so now we give her back to you.

Receive Mary Dale into the arms of your mercy.

Raise her up with all of your people.

Receive us also, and raise us into a new life.

And to you, with your church on earth and in heaven,
we offer honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn

528 *Nearer, My God, to Thee* BETHANY

*Benediction

*Postlude

Rob Landes

*indicates congregation standing, if able

Mary Dale Shinn

On Sunday, October 9, Mary Dale Shinn passed away at the age of 102. Her motto was live, love, laugh, and her life was defined by family and friends, world travel, and her love for the Houston Astros.

Mary Dale was born on February 4, 1920, in Shelbyville, Tennessee, to Morton Brandon and Margaret Moody King. She earned a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Tennessee, and was a Tennessee pavilion hostess at the New York World's Fair in 1939.

She married Leonard Eugene "Jack" Shinn on Christmas Day, 1942, just days before Jack went to serve in World War II. They had two daughters, Margaret and Julia Ann, and in 1954, the family moved to Houston and soon joined St. Luke's United Methodist Church. For the rest of her life, Mary Dale remained a proud Houston resident and devoted member of St. Luke's, which she considered her second home.

After her husband died in 1975, Mary Dale became the new accounts manager at First City Bank of Highland Village, eventually rising to become a bank vice president. She made lifelong friends wherever she went, and she will be deeply missed.

Mary Dale is predeceased by her husband, Jack, and by her brothers, Morton and George King. She is survived by her two daughters, Monnie Hemsworth and Julie Moritz; by her five grandchildren, Jeff Campbell, Catherine Pehr, Melissa Lowery, John Moritz, and Jennifer Moritz; by her eleven great-grandchildren, Jackson and Miranda Campbell, Brad, Henry and Carter Pehr, Heather and Elizabeth Lowery, Brittany Valdez, Aubrey and Riley Moritz, and Emma Moritz; and by her great-great-granddaughter Hannah Rudkin.