



Shirley Hall

March 23, 2017

Shirley McDowall Hall, age 80, of Suwanee, GA passed away Thursday, March 23, 2017. She is survived by her husband of sixty-two years, Richard A. Hall, Suwanee, GA; daughter, Vicki Sue and Scott Gillis, Lake Oswego, OR; grandchildren, Michael and Lindsay Gillis, Alex Gillis, Matthew and Katrina Gillis, Nathan and Ashley Gillis, Jon Gillis, Kirill Gillis; four great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Ruth McDowall, Lake Wylie, SC, Opal McDowall, Denver, CO; several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Mrs. Hall was born November 23, 1936 in Greeley, Colorado. She was a 1954 graduate of Ault High School, Ault, CO, and attended Colorado State University. Mrs. Hall was a homemaker. She was a member of Ivy Creek Baptist Church, Buford, GA and a member of the Jeff Bowie Sunday school class. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home with Rev. Bobby Linkous and Dr. Craig Dale officiating. The family will receive friends on Friday, March 31 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Mrs. Hall will be laid to rest at Broadlawn Memorial Gardens, Buford, GA. A luncheon will be held in the Ivy Creek Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 2500 Ivy Creek Rd NE, Buford, GA following the interment.

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Hall

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ Rich, Michael and I were honored to attend the celebration of life service for your amazing wife of 62 years. And, we certainly enjoyed the hospitality and southern cooking of the gracious ladies at your church. I played a lot of tennis with "sure shot Shirley" and Michael and I benefited a lot from you and Shirley's wisdom, both on and off the courts. You will remain in our prayers and we hope to see you with a racquet in your hand soon.

Suzy and Michael Green - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Richard,

You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. I hope to see you out on the courts again soon!

Jason & Julie Porter

Jason & Julie Porter - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. In sympathy,
Jeff and Robin

Jeff and Robin Hrdlicka - April 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Richard - You and Shirley have been such a blessing in my life. I will miss Shirley's enthusiastic attitude and wonderful smile at the tennis court. She was our biggest fan and rooted for us like no one else. I enjoyed her company after our matches (win or lose). She was kind and thoughtful and will be deeply missed. I look forward to seeing you (partner) back on the court very soon. God bless you. Kyle

Kyle Dickson - April 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Shirley will be dearly missed around Olde Atlanta Club. Her warmth and friendliness were so welcoming around the tennis courts. Richard, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Don & Holly Price - April 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Richard,
Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of Shirley. She was a wonderful lady and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Kari and Merrill Jacobson

Kari and Merrill Jacobson - April 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the loss of Shirley Hall. Shirley was one of the first people to welcome us "newcomers" to the OAC tennis courts. Her calm manner, twinkly eyes and delightfully-difficult shots made her a treasure. Wishing you peace to bring you comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to hold forever in your heart. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Ron and Carolyn George - April 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Richard, I'm saddened to hear of Shirley's passing and for your loss. She was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever met and the two of you were the best couple. Everyone always enjoyed being around her and I'll always remember y'all's post tennis match kiss before shaking the opponents' hands. Hope to see you at the courts soon my friend.

J. R. Wilson - April 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ My prayers are with Richard and family at this time Of great loss. I , gratefully got to know Richard and Shirley the last two years through tennis. They both Were a great inspiration and I enjoyed getting to know Both of them. They are truly a wonderful couple, I enjoyed Talking with Shirley as she watched Richard play, as She told me, she loved watching him play tennis My regret Is that I didn't get to have more time with Shirley. I feel Blessed she came into my life, only wish I had More time with her!

Susan Barthel - April 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Shirley was a lovely person and everyone enjoyed being around her and will miss her. Condolences to Richard and family.

John and Mary Ann Henderson - April 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Shirley McDowall Hall was Bobby's friend from the time Shirley was an exuberant ten-year-old, through Campfire Girls & Rainbow Girls, and high school in Ault, Colorado -- to snowy nights at Rich's where his mom plied us with homemade cookies & candy & popcorn in the middle of teenage games & giggles. Glenn & I watched Shirley & Rich fall in love -- and we have adored them both, ever since!! To Rich we send constellations of love & prayers!! For our Shirley, we joy in knowing she is in the arms of Our Lord -- and she is probably putting together a game of Tennis with the angels, or giggling that wonderful laugh we all love, as she delights in the wonders of Heaven. We praise God for Shirley's life-well-lived, and for her perfect healing. Our lives were blessed by knowing this special lady!!

--Bobby B-H & Glenn Hohman

Glenn & Bobby (Baab) Hohman - March 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I knew Shirley from across the tennis net at Sharon Springs Park. She was still a strong player, a crafty opponent and great partner (if you were lucky). Most of all, I admired Shirley's demeanor on the court: she knew the rules, she talked straight, and was kind and reserved. It was a privilege to play with her over many seasons. Shirley made Sharon Springs feel special and I will miss her.

Esther Sokol - March 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GB

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BB

“ *Richard- you and Shirley are such an inspiration to so many people. You will probably never know the full impact you both have had and continue to have. I can only pray that our marriage will be as strong as yours and our faith will be as rock solid.*

I also can only hope to be half as good a tennis player at your age :).

As you assured everyone the day Shirley went to be with the Lord, she is healed- Hallelujah!

Brian and Polly Benson - March 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ Shirley was one of the sweetest woman i have ever met. She was funny and kind. I loved playing tennis and bunco with her. She will be missed.

Harriet. Loethen - March 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KB

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JT

“ Shirley was a positive force in life and on the tennis court. She was sweet and kind and will be missed.

Janet Todd - March 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Richard and family,

*What a blessing it was to know Shirley through the years...she always had a smile and a Hug. We were in the same SS class for some time and she was always sweet and thoughtful. A smiling Christian lady. We feel a deep loss for you and know the days ahead will be rough. We are out of town right now and not sure that we will make it back for the funeral, but please know that our thoughts and prayers will be with you. Love and prayers to the family,
Billie and Roy Sweat*

Billie and Roy Sweat - March 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Mr. Richard,
*Just wanted to let you know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Mrs. Shirley was a sweet lady. I did not get to know her very well, but I am thankful for the time that I had with her. Let those sweet precious memories of your time with each other fill that empty spot in you heart.
I Love You.
Wylene Mosley*

Wylene Mosley - March 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *Mr. Richard
Mrs. Shirley was such a sweet lady. I did not get to know her very well, but I am thankful that I got to know her in the short time that she was here. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Let those memories of Mrs. Shirley fill that empty spot in your heart.
I Love you.
Wylene Mosley*

Wylene Mosley - March 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *We shall miss Shirley; her presence, her humor and her insight. She was a BIG lady in a small package. Death could take her physical body but could not touch her soul. Our sympathy and prayers for Richard and family at their great loss.*

Royce & Phyllis Lynn - March 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Our prayers are with your family. May you feel God's loving arms around you for comfort.*

*Sincerely,
Janet and David Wright*

Janet & David Wright - March 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Sophia Mangum 03/27/2017 6:00 PM
I met Shirley on tennis courts many years ago, and since that I was fascinated by her deep faith, positive attitude, calmness and kindness and tolerance to everybody. She will live in my heart forever as a wonderful lady and an excellent tennis player. Though Shirley is in a better place now, I will miss her here. God bless all her family.

Sophia Mangum - March 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ Shirley touched my life in so many ways. What a perfect picture of poise and grace. Her love of the Lord and love for you, Rich, was displayed in everything she did. She was loved by so many and will be missed so much. She was such a major part of the Sharon Springs tennis group for so many years. While my heart is heavy, I know she is now in the presence of our Lord and her pain is no more. May God Bless and comfort you and your family in this time.

vickie whitaker - March 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ Although we've known you both for less than 2 years, Shirley won my heart immediately with her warmth and Christlike attitude. I know those left behind are mourning the loss of her physical presence, but she is now in her heavenly home with no more tears and no more pain singing with the heavenly choir!

Howard and Sandy Thrift - March 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I met Shirley 15 years ago in Tennis Circles. She loved the game and was a mentor to me not only in Tennis but in her beautiful way of addressing circumstances. I learned a lot of tennis from her but more importantly on how to address life with dignity, respect and honor to all. Shirley will be missed and I am so grateful I had the opportunity to know her.

Pat Bennie - March 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Shirley will be missed. She was a little lady with a BIG Tennis game! And a big heart. We loved her positive attitude and grace on the courts and off. So glad to have known this great lady!

Mary Deel - March 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Richard: While there is little comfort to be found in words during this time of sadness, I just learned from Klaus about Shirley, and want you to know that my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.
Jim Parkman

Jim Parkman - March 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Shirley was a lovely person. Although I did not know her well I was always impressed with her poise and positive attitude. Shirley will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Sandra Ford - March 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of Ms. Shirley. I only knew her a short period of time, but during this time, it was evident she loved the Lord and loved attending church services. Richard, I will be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. May God bless and be with you.

Carl Burdette - March 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ I will always remember Shirley as being a reason I am still attending ShadowBrook Baptist Church. Years ago went to a Christmas dinner and play. We knew few people in the church. Shirley met us at the door and welcomed us so warmly and seated us. She stayed the same through the many years I have attended. I will never forget her. Prayers are for Richard and her family.

Novella and Gary Goss - March 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM