



Shirley Gubler Houston Buckner

September 20, 1941 - February 23, 2026

Shirley Gubler Houston Buckner was born September 20, 1941, at La Verkin, Utah. She was the fourth of seven children born to Henry Winferd and Alice Isom Gubler: Marilyn (Chance) Hardy both deceased; Norman (deceased) and his wife Ann of La Verkin, Utah; Demar (Helen) La Verkin, Utah; Terry (Patti) Las Vegas, Nevada; Gordon deceased at age 17; and Lolene (Darwin) Gifford of Hurricane, Utah.

Shirley's father passed away from stomach cancer in 1949 when Shirley was only seven years old and she always missed her father. Shirley's mother passed away at age 90 in 2000. Shirley passed away February 23, 2026, following a brave battle with Alzheimer's disease, which was triggered by the passing of her daughter Annie in 2020.

Shirley and her first husband Perry Houston were the proud parents of seven children, four boys and three girls: John Winferd (Annette) of Hurricane, Utah, Ricky Lavon (Lori) of Overton, Nevada, Kelly (Blanca) of El Paso, Texas, Clay (Jennifer) of Ogden, Utah, Annie (Vance) Lindsay of Lehi, Utah, Sherrie (Erik) Mackelprang of Enoch, Utah and Susy (Kelly) Jones of Enoch, Utah. Annie passed away in 2020 from liver cancer. Vance and his new wife Sheila are presently serving an LDS mission in Durban, South Africa.

In 1991 Shirley married Gerald R Buckner and became stepmom to his five children: Todd (Rachelle) of Los Angeles California, Allison (Eric) Maxwell of Cedar City, Utah, Scott (Julie) of Bountiful, Utah, Michelle (Brad) Hansen of Heber City, Utah and Tim (Tara) of Fayetteville, North Carolina. Todd passed away in 2024 from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

Gerry and Shirley's family is made up of 12 children and their 12 mates, 42 grandchildren and their 24 mates, and 45 great-grandchildren making a posterity of 135. Shirley inherited a beautiful singing voice from her Gubler parents. During High School she and two of her cousins, Jeanette Duncan Benson and Vanda Fuller Wadsworth, performed as a trio at many community events. If you grew up in La Verkin in the 1950's, you probably heard them singing as they often practiced as they strolled around town. In the 1960's Shirley joined a group of young mothers that formed a group called the Sweet Adelines, which took 2nd place at a competition at the Utah State Fair.

Shirley was a talented pianist, seamstress, artist and homemaker. Her pies at Thanksgiving time are legendary. Shirley served in many church callings over the years, including Relief Society President, Primary Teacher, Cub Scout Leader, Sunday School Teacher and Missionary just to mention a few. She and her husband Gerry served 42 months as missionaries on 4 different missions from 2008 to 2011.

Shirley has an amazing love for and testimony of the restored gospel. She loves her Savior Jesus Christ and her family. She especially loved the sabbath. She and her Husband Gerry avoided travel on the sabbath as often as possible. Shirley was an amazing homemaker and was born with a hammer in one hand and a wrench in the other. She was not ever afraid to tackle a task that needed doing. She loved wallpaper and paint and molding and furniture. Oh yes and pianos. She owns three.

The family would like to thank the CNA's, nurses and other staff members of The Haven at Sky Mountain senior care center in Hurricane where Shirley spent the last 14 months of her life in the Memory Care Unit.

Funeral services for Shirley will be held Saturday March 7, 2026, at 12:00 noon at the Hurricane LDS Chapel located at 272 South 700 West, Hurricane, Utah. Viewings will be held on Friday, March 6, 2026 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the same location. Interment will be at La Verkin City Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

La Verkin City Cemetery

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Hurricane West Stake Center
272 S 700 W
Hurricane, UT 84737

Viewing

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Hurricane West Stake Center
272 S 700 W
Hurricane, UT 84737

Funeral Service

MAR 7. 12:00 PM (MT)

Hurricane West Stake Center
272 S 700 W
Hurricane, UT 84737

Burial

MAR 7.

La Verkin City Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Audio Recording*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - March 10 at 10:58 AM

DJ

“ Deral J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Gubler Houston Buckner.

Deral J. - March 08 at 03:04 AM

KS

“ Aunt Shirley loved matchmaking and considered it her duty to be on the search for perfect matches for many friends and family. As I reached the ripe old age of 20 I fell hard for a guy that was not only the most handsome and smartest guy in the world, he was 30 years old and looking for a wife. I was convinced he was the love of my life. Aunt Shirley took me for a walk along the streets of LaVerkin, locked her arm with mine, and began to give me in vivid detail why he was too old for me. Explaining how old and decrepit he would be when I was still a young thing. She gave me several examples to imagine this crush of mine in less than romantic situations. I’ve never forgotten that walk and her advice.

Later when I was truly an old Maid of 24, aunt Shirley was always suggesting good candidates and even lined me up with a couple of guys she thought would be perfect for me. Even though none of them worked out I loved that she cared about me.

I will dearly miss her taking my face in her hands and saying with such love in her eyes, “You sweet girl”.

Kathy Sanders - March 07 at 09:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Gubler Houston Buckner.



March 05 at 08:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Gubler Houston Buckner.



March 05 at 05:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley Gubler Houston Buckner.

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“ Your Gilbert Development Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Shirley Gubler Houston Buckner.



Your Gilbert Development Family - March 05 at 10:53 AM



“ Your Gilbert Development Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Gubler Houston Buckner.

Your Gilbert Development Family - March 05 at 10:53 AM

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“ The Kent and Mackelprang Families purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Shirley Gubler Houston Buckner.



The Kent and Mackelprang Families - March 04 at 05:36 PM

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“ The Kent and Mackelprang Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Gubler Houston Buckner.

The Kent and Mackelprang Families - March 04 at 05:36 PM

DK

“ Darwin and Lolene and all their kids! purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Shirley Gubler Houston Buckner.



Darwin and Lolene and all their kids! - March 02 at 05:36 PM

DJ

“ Shirley was a true friend. She and Gerry always made us feel loved and accepted. She's truly an angel. That will be greatly missed.

Dale & Becky Johnson - February 27 at 07:58 PM

LT

“ Growing up with Shirley in LaVerkin was such a delight! She always had a smile on her face and was kind to everyone. I know it was difficult to grow up without her father, but she still remained positive and faithful. A beautiful voice that fed many spiritually. What a blessing it was to know and love her❤️

LoRene Turner - February 27 at 04:55 PM