



William "Willie" E Osborn

November 27, 1934 - February 16, 2014

William E ("Willie") Osborn, 79, of Miami, Oklahoma, died on February 16, 2014 after a brief illness. He was born in Commerce, Oklahoma on November 27, 1934 to Jesse Charles and Nola Ethel (Keithley) Osborn. Willie graduated from Miami High School after attending school in Commerce, Picher, and Tahlequah, Oklahoma. He then attended and graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. After finishing college, Willie married Zella Jane Mabon, his high school sweetheart, and they began a life-long partnership committed to their family, faith, profession and the city of Miami.

Willie and Jane relocated to their hometown of Miami, Oklahoma in November of 1958 when he returned to Wiley Rexall Drug. He established Osborn Drugs, Inc in 1971. His son Bill later joined him in the business and became his partner. Osborn Drugs now partners with seventeen individuals at twenty five pharmacy locations. Over the years, Willie supported independent pharmacy as a board member and President of the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association, the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy, Pharmacy Providers of Oklahoma and the American College of Apothecaries. He received recognition from many pharmacy organizations including the Oklahoma Pharmacists Association Bowl of Hygeia Award. Willie was also named the National Community Pharmacists Association Outstanding Independent Pharmacist of 2010.

Willie passionately supported the community of Miami, downtown Miami, the

Miami Public School System and Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. He willingly served as an active member and leader in many community organizations. The Miami Area Chamber of Commerce honored him with the Impact Award and the Miami Public Schools Enrichment Foundation recognized him as its Outstanding Alumni. Osborn served as Chair of the Miami Downtown Redevelopment Authority, co-chair of Miami's 75th Anniversary Committee, and co-chair of Miami's 100th Anniversary Committee. Over the years he enjoyed supporting youth, education, sports, music, drama and art programs throughout the community. Willie spearheaded the twenty-five year effort to restore the historic Coleman Theatre Beautiful in downtown Miami.

Willie was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Miami for fifty-seven years where he enjoyed singing in the choir with Jane. Over the years, Willie served as the Chair of most church committees including the Board of Trustees, the Finance Committee, the Family Life Committee and the Building Committee. Willie also served the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church as a member of the Board of Pensions and Insurance.

Willie was preceded in death by his father, Jesse Charles Osborn, his mother, Nola Ethel (Keithley) Osborn and his sister, Kathryn ("Kay") Osborn Carneal. He is survived by his wife Zella Jane (Mabon) Osborn of the home, his sons Mark Osborn, MD and his wife, Elaine, Clark Osborn, MD and his wife Sara, Bill Osborn, PharmD and his wife Jane, Matt Osborn, MD and his wife Lauri, all of Miami, Oklahoma and his daughter, Amy Osborn, JD of Frisco, Texas. He is also survived by his grandchildren Allison, Kabeth, Katie, Maggie, Kelley, Madeline, Christopher, Paige, Ben, Hannah, Mollie, Jack and Abby as well as great-granddaughter Kirah.

A memorial service celebrating Osborn's life will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Miami, Oklahoma at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 immediately followed by interment at the G.A.R. Cemetery in Miami, Oklahoma under the direction of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Miami, Oklahoma. A reception and visitation will be held from 6:00 to

8:00 pm on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 also at the First United Methodist Church in Miami, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the First United Methodist Church, in Miami, Oklahoma or any other charity where it will “do the most good.”

Cemetery Details

Grand Army of the Republic

2801 North Main Street
Miami, OK 74354

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Miami
200 B NW
Miami, OK 74354
<http://www.fumcmiami.org>

Service

FEB 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Miami
200 B NW
Miami, OK 74354
<http://www.fumcmiami.org>

Tribute Wall

MP

“ *To all of the Osborn family I'm so sorry for the loss of losing Willie! He will be so remembered for his kindness and always explaining any question you might have. He was a very important part of Miami and be so missed! All of you are a very wonderful family. Margie Panter*



Margie Panter - April 14, 2014 at 02:09 PM

PF

“ My most sincere condolences and sympathy to Jane, Mark, Clark, Bill, Matt, Amy and the rest of the family in this time of missing your precious husband, father and patriarch. Willie meant so much to so many of us over many wonderful years. What a great blessing to us all to have been privileged to share this earth and Miami, OK, with him.

He is an important part of many of my fond childhood memories at 1st UMC, the Rx store and various places all around Miami. In Miami, he sometimes seemed almost ubiquitous and always glad to see you it seemed. He would even take the time to call me or come by to see me now and then when he was in Oklahoma City or Norman. Just thinking of seeing him brightens my countenance and lifts my spirit now. What a special, special human being!

He lives on in all of us and with the Lord who promised: "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death..." Hosea 13:14. And "... O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" 1Cor 15:55. I look forward to seeing Willie again on that day.

God bless you Jane and family, and the many, many people blessed to call Willie friend who will miss him.

Paul Foster, Norman, OK

Paul Foster - February 22, 2014 at 10:54 AM

MW

“Willie was a great man and a wonderful patron of Miami. He was a very good friend of my family and I was very sad to hear of his passing. I really enjoyed visiting with Willie and Jane when I would come back to Miami to see my family and marvel the renovation of the Coleman Theatre through the years. Willie was especially kind to my sister Melinda Watterson Thiesing helping her sell her animal hospital after Dr. Watterson passed away many years ago.

He will be missed by everyone who knew him in Miami. My thoughts now rest with his great family of achievers. Best wishes to all and fond memories of Willie Osborn. Memories of the great things people do in their lives will live long after they leave to be with the Heavenly Father.

*Mike Wilson
Atlanta*

Mike Wilson - February 21, 2014 at 12:45 AM

DS

“Jane and family,
Our fond remembrance and heartfelt prayers for you and your loved ones. Blessings and comfort to you. Willie was a wonderful person and inspiration to all. A good neighbor too so many years ago in Miami. What a wonderful legacy he has left.

*Jerry and Vivian DaVee, Tulsa
Debra DaVee Smith, Atlanta
Ron DaVee, Soper
Kevin DaVee, Ft Worth*

Debra Smith - February 20, 2014 at 11:30 AM

JS

“ *Willie was loved and respected by all for his love of family and friends, kindness to everyone and promotion of community. He will be missed and remembered fondly. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family*

Judi and Larry Shelton

Judi Shelton - February 20, 2014 at 11:18 AM

BA

“ *Jane, Bill, and the rest of the children, Willie, was one of the most impressive pharmacists and individuals I have ever known. He was always willing to lend a hand or give advice any time I talked with him. I appreciate having known him and your family for many years. You are certainly in my prayers and thoughts.*

Buford & Melissa Abeldt

Buford Abeldt - February 19, 2014 at 11:33 AM

M,

“ *Sorry for your loss, Willie will be missed not only by family, but also the whole community.*

The Martin family, Charles, Patsy, David and Eric



Martin ,Family - February 19, 2014 at 09:46 AM

PM

“ We are very sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. He will be missed, not only by his family, but the whole town. Sincerely,

The Martin family, Charles, Patsy, David, & Eric

Patsy Martin - February 19, 2014 at 09:34 AM

MS

“ Willie will be missed but God has a place for him. He was such a wonderful person. He was a great help to everyone. God will watch over his family in this time of grief.

Madeline Sasser and grandson Matthew

Madeline Sasser - February 19, 2014 at 01:28 AM

JB

“ There are not many people around that would stand by your side in their time of need. But I know one that did and was always there, especially when my Mom needed it the most. Willie is loved and will be missed by all that knew him. In death we are saddened, as a believer in Christ this is but the transition to a welcomed celebration. Mrs. Osborn, Jane, I never felt comfortable calling you by your name, I want you to know how wonderful it was to grow up in Miami and the FUMC and to see Willie's smiling face coming down the hallway. He has done so much for so many it makes me happy to say he was my friend in Christ. Jim Bradley

James P Bradley - February 18, 2014 at 10:16 PM

DD

“ Jane and the entire Osborn family,
May God place His loving arms around you and give you comfort
and peace. As all those memories flood into your thoughts may they
be an additional comfort.
It was my privilege to know Willie and to count him as a friend as
well as be awed by his community spirit.
You have lost a pillar in your family and Miami as lost a community
pillar. Even before knowing Willie--his family leadership was evident
in his children who took one of my classes as NEO. God bless and
keep you at this time.
As you read this--may you feel a hug and a firm handshake
David and Carylon Dallas

David Dallas - February 18, 2014 at 09:44 PM

JO

“ Dear Jane and Family: We were so saddened to hear of Willie's
passing, and send you our prayers for a wonderful celebration of
his extraordinary life.

Willie had a tremendous influence on my pharmacy career as I'm
certain has had on many other ACA Fellows. The many
conversations with him years ago had such a positive effect that I
will always be grateful for his friendship and support.

Sincerely, John and Deborah Oftebro

John Oftebro - February 18, 2014 at 08:31 PM

KP

“ I worked at the drug store with Willie when I was in high school. He was always patient, kind, wittie, firm, fair and consistent. After I moved from Miami I would often call Willie for advice or come by to see him if I was in Miami. He always had a smile a firm handshake and was concerned about how I was doing. He will be missed. May you find peace in knowing he was always willing to help those in need. My prayers are with the family. Kinny pack

kinny pack - February 18, 2014 at 07:31 PM

LM

“ I am very grateful for every minute I was lucky enough to spend with Willie at ACA meetings over the years. He always was so giving of his time spent telling me how he was doing certain things in his business. I learned so very much from him. His family will be in our prayers.

Larry and Sandy Mayhew

Larry and Sandy Mayhew - February 18, 2014 at 05:55 PM

BL

“ I have many fond memories of the ACA meetings in the late '70s and early '80s when Willie would mentor many young pharmacists on the innovative services he offered in his Miami pharmacy. It was a joy to watch he and Jack Coffey tear up the tennis court during these meetings. He was a friend and will be missed. My condolences to Jane and all of the Osborn family. My prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Bill Letendre

Bill Letendre - February 18, 2014 at 05:48 PM

JM

“ *When the Lord takes one of His - He leaves a gift of memories, We will always have wonderful memories of Willie. Our sincere condolences. He was a wonderful man.*

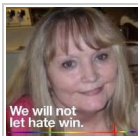
Joe & Anna Margaret Mosso

Joseph Mosso - February 18, 2014 at 02:29 PM

DF

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Willie. May God comfort all of you as only He can.*

Danny Frame - February 18, 2014 at 01:51 PM



“ *Sending prayers of comfort and peace to Willie's family. Vickie Kelley*



Vickie Kelley - February 18, 2014 at 12:53 PM

BB

“ *There are certain people whose names are synonymous with Miami, OK. Willie was one of those individuals. May the Lord's presence give you comfort and bless your hearts with wonderful memories of Willie's legacy to his family, his church and his community. Our prayers are with you all.*

Bob and Joyce Barker

Bob and Joyce Barker - February 18, 2014 at 11:55 AM

PF

“ The memory of how kind and gracious he was to all those that were welcomed in his home will be remembered and appreciated. He was an example of what being a family man was all about. My prayers are with all of the family. May you find peace in knowing that your father lead by example.
Paul Fehrenbacher

Paul Fehrenbacher - February 18, 2014 at 07:47 AM

NM

“ Prayers for Jane and family during your time of loss. You all were great friends to Mom and Step Dad, Maxine and Tate Taylor. May God bring you peace and comfort during this time.

Nita Kinman - Moore,OK - February 18, 2014 at 07:07 AM

MR

“ I've only known Willie for a couple of years but was fortunate to spend some time with him and Bill (and family) for aday lasr summer. I came away with a great admiration ands appreciation for the person he was and the influence he had on everyone around him. He is a shing exmple of a life well lived. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. My prayers are with family. Mark

Mark Riley - February 17, 2014 at 09:15 PM

CD

“ Willie was always my neighbor in the truest since. He always greeted my family by saying, " hi neighbor !" He was a man who believed and lived by the Bible , love they neighbor as thyself. Our family loved Willie! He was the best of Miami, Oklahoma. My thoughts and prayers are with you all, he was so very proud of his family!
Connie Anderson Deems

coonie deems - February 17, 2014 at 07:49 PM

MR

“ *It was an honor to know you. Goodbye my friend.*

Mark Rogers - February 17, 2014 at 06:17 PM

GR

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of a wonderful man. Willie will be missed by all. May God wrap his arms around each one of you during this difficult time. Praying for all of you.*

Ginger Ratliff

Ginger Ratliff - February 17, 2014 at 05:52 PM



EM

“ *Earl And Marie Miller lit a candle in memory of William "Willie" E Osborn*



Earl and Marie Miller - February 17, 2014 at 05:22 PM

EH

“ *Willie was unique, a special friend to many and a gracious gentleman to all. He was the first person to welcome me to MHS in 1948. Janie, we are praying for you and your family. What a blessed legacy you and Willie have! Everett Henderson, Dayton Ohio*

everett henderson - February 17, 2014 at 04:30 PM

JS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Willie's passing. He was a very sweet guy and I enjoyed working for him at Rexall when I was in high school. Miami has lost a very special person and friend. Janice (Ulm) and Rodney Sayles

Janice Ulm Sayles - February 17, 2014 at 03:21 PM



“ We at BCW were deeply sorry to learn of Willie Osborn's passing. He was a very good man, kind and compassionate. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Osborn family as we keep them in our hearts and prayers. Truly, we will miss him.

~Staff of Bomford Couch & Wilson

Bomford Wilson - February 17, 2014 at 02:03 PM



WI

“ Willie will always be missed we really loss a good man.

Richard & Betty Wills

Wills - February 17, 2014 at 02:02 PM



DD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Willie's family and friends. He was a wonderful, kind man. My mom and dad, Mack and Grace Manders, thought the world of Willie. His treatment of others made him a very successful business man, who will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Diana Manders Dickinson

Diana Manders Dickinson - February 17, 2014 at 12:35 PM

BM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of the family members. You have a strong and wonderful family.
Much love,
Beth and JR Mathews

Beth and JR Mathews - February 17, 2014 at 12:26 PM

TT

“ I am so sorry to here about Willie's passing. He was always so nice and kind to my mother and me. But that was just Willie, he was a true professional and gentleman. My sincere condolences to Jane, Dr Mark, Dr Clark, Dr Matt, Bill and Amy and the whole Osborn family. Every time I walked into the pharmacy or saw him out he had a big smile and hello for me and always called me by name. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Tammie Thomas

Tammie L. Thomas - February 17, 2014 at 12:24 PM

 Alana
Gaines

“ *He was a very nice man, one of the few who truly cared. Miami and the surrounding area will miss him. My condolences to his family.*
Alana Gaines

Alana Gaines - February 17, 2014 at 12:07 PM

CM

“ *Willie was one of the most accomplished pharmacists I ever knew. The profession will miss him. Charles M. West*

charles m.west - February 17, 2014 at 11:50 AM

 Donni
Ham-
Long

“ *My how I will miss you. Choir loft never looks the same without you there. What a wonderful, generous, loving soul he was. I always loved to see when he was deeply touched the voice would crack, the eyes would fill with tears and you knew that he was sincere. Prayers for all of his wonderful family for strength and peace. What a legacy he leaves...*

Donni Ham-Long - February 17, 2014 at 11:50 AM

RM

“ *My thoughts go out to you. Praying for your family...*

Rhonda McCabe - February 17, 2014 at 11:43 AM

JR

“ *i will always think of Willie as the "father of what a pharmacist should be". i always looked forward to seeing him at our ACA meetings-good memories. Kathy and I give our condolences to you, Jane, and to your family.*

Jerry and Kathy Ritt - February 17, 2014 at 11:27 AM

JJ

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of Willie Osborn. Sherry and I thoroughly enjoyed being a Band member with Willie when Miami had such Great Marching Bands. Our sympathy to his lovely wife, Jane, and all his family.

Willie was a great asset to the town of MIAMI, and will truly be missed.

Thanks for the honor and privledge of knowing him.

Jerry & Sherry Jones, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas

Jerry/Sherry Jones - February 17, 2014 at 11:00 AM

PS

“ So Sorry to hear this; he was a wonderful family man , the town of Miami will miss such a nice man.

Pat Short - February 17, 2014 at 10:57 AM

JH

“ Sorry to learn of Willie's death. He was one of the first people to make me welcome when we came to Miami in 2010, and was always there when I needed his assistance. A true gentleman. Our prayers and sympathy are with you all.

Jerry J. Herrmann - February 17, 2014 at 10:41 AM

SM

“ Words cannot express the sorrow I feel upon hearing about Willie. My thoughts and prayers are with Jane and the family. Stephanie Munson

Stephanie Munson - February 17, 2014 at 10:17 AM

BH

“ May God give you comfort in your time of grief. Rest in peace, Willie

Barbara (Trover) Hayes - February 17, 2014 at 09:55 AM

JC

“ *Bill,*
I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your father -- Willie was an icon in the industry, both in Oklahoma and across the nation. He was respected by customers, peers, suppliers and all who had dealings with him. I'll never forget my experiences being "Willie-ized" -- Your father has my respect and you have my deepest condolences to you and your family. May God comfort your family in this time of loss.

Jerry Cline - February 17, 2014 at 09:36 AM

WF

“ *Wynema Buchanan & Family lit a candle in memory of William "Willie" E Osborn*



Wynema Buchanan & family - February 17, 2014 at 09:09 AM

SD

“ *There are few people who reach, touch, love, and embrace a community like Mr. Osborn did. There is no greater tribute than the legacy he left. Our thoughts are with the Osborn family ... God bless.*

Shannon & Krista Duhon - February 17, 2014 at 09:08 AM

MG

“ *Willie was one of those individuals who knew his customers and took time to say hello to them. He was approachable, engaging, and deeply committed to Miami, Oklahoma. He will be remembered for his devotion to our community. Our family sends condolences not only to the family, but the staff at Osborn Drugs who have been blessed to work for and know Willie.*
Jim & Miriam George, Tony & Montana

Miriam George - February 17, 2014 at 08:57 AM

KD

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of this wonderful man. He was a generous soul, and a fountain of wisdom for our agency. A life well lived. God bless him.*

Keila Dewey - February 17, 2014 at 08:28 AM

MP

“ *A wonderful man and a true leader in the community. Willie was unfailingly kind to me and everyone in my family. He was always glad to see any of us. He led the charge to save the Coleman. Condolences from Vermont. Mary Sue Price*

Mary Sue Price - February 17, 2014 at 08:21 AM

LH

“ *So sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man and will be missed by so many.*



Linda Hailey-Cook - February 17, 2014 at 07:49 AM

GW

“ We are so sorry. Willie was a great man! He will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Gerald and Donna Williams

Gerald and Donna Williams - February 17, 2014 at 07:09 AM

SE

“ Sandra And Sonny Emarthla lit a candle in memory of William "Willie" E Osborn



Sandra and Sonny Emarthla - February 17, 2014 at 06:50 AM

 Sandy Ankenman

“ He will be missed. A very special man to his family and this community. Prayers to all.

Sandy Ankenman - February 17, 2014 at 06:28 AM

JB

“ Willie was a true friend to so many people. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy will live forever in the hearts of those who knew him. Love and prayers.

Jerry and Pat Bridgewater - February 17, 2014 at 05:37 AM

TW

“ Condolences to Jane and All of our Osborn "Family of Friends". R.I.P. Willie Thank You for Sharing Your Life Well Lived.

Ted Watts - February 17, 2014 at 05:23 AM

MB

“ Jane, Mark, Clark, Bill, Amy, and Thomas, your husband and father was a role model for so many of us. His love and dedication to each of you and to all of us who we're allowed to be apart of his life were all blessed by knowing him. Willie was a good man, he will be greatly missed. Each of you will miss him, but he is in your heart and I encourage you to carry on his legacy of kindness, compassion and love. I know you will! I have loved your family and enjoyed being a part of it when I worked with Willie and Bill, when Willie gave me my first pay check he thanked me for working for him. I had never had an employer thank me for working for them. I knew I was working for a man who cared about me. Thank you for allowing me to be apart of your family in those days. I'm sorry for your loss but he is no longer suffering he's been healed and heaven has a great man.

Love, Mary Brennfoerder

Mary Brennfoerder - February 17, 2014 at 02:39 AM

DE

“ Donna Edmondson lit a candle in memory of William "Willie" E Osborn



Donna Edmondson - February 16, 2014 at 11:07 PM

DE

Our sincere condolences to the Osborn family. Willie was a very special person and a dear friend. Praying for strength, peace, and comfort for the entire family during this very difficult time. May you truly grasp that peace that passeth understanding. Your loss is heaven's gain.

Larry & Donna Edmondson

donna edmondson - February 16, 2014 at 11:24 PM

JD

“ We have fond memories of Willie and my former partner Galen Morris at ACA meetings. Our prayers are with you...

Jeff & Sherry Denton - February 16, 2014 at 10:57 PM

PK

“ So sorry for your loss.

Pam Keyes - February 16, 2014 at 09:35 PM

SH

“ My heart and thoughts go out to the Osborn family.

Scott Harris - February 16, 2014 at 08:49 PM

AK

“ Bill, I am so sorry for the loss of you dad, he was a very special man and was part of everyone's families. I remember the times that he would go to the pharmacy to meet daddy to get medicine for one of us kids...now that is just something that no other pharmacist does any more...Willie you will be truly missed but heaven did gain an angel today...Anna Taylor Koski



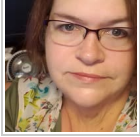
Anna Koski - February 16, 2014 at 08:41 PM

SM

“ My deepest condolences. May God be with you during this time of sorrow.

With sympathy, Sheila Marturello

Sheila Marturello - February 16, 2014 at 08:05 PM



“ we very sorry for your loss ,, Praying for your family ..



Leslie Whitcomb - February 16, 2014 at 07:39 PM



“ Few people leave such an impact on their community like Willie has. May his legacy of community service live on through his family and the many lives he touched.

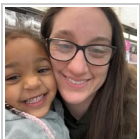
Larry and Janet Glenn - February 16, 2014 at 07:32 PM



“ Kevin Gardner lit a candle in memory of William "Willie" E Osborn



Kevin Gardner - February 16, 2014 at 07:24 PM



“ Willie will be greatly missed so sorry for your loss



Lindsey Cox - February 16, 2014 at 07:08 PM

AS

“ Alan Simpson lit a candle in memory of William "Willie" E Osborn

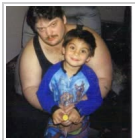


alan simpson - February 16, 2014 at 06:59 PM

JB

“ He will be deeply missed by all who know him. Heaven gained a great guy today. My thoughts and prayers are with Jane and the family.

Jordan Boyd - February 16, 2014 at 06:50 PM



“ This man is a legend! He had a heart of gold! One of the most unselfish men I know! He did so much for Miami and community! He will be greatly missed! He was an awesome friend to our family! Heaven has a winner here!

Helen Simpson Pidcock - February 16, 2014 at 05:49 PM

RC

“ So sorry for your families loss. God Bless ! Ronda Cheek

Ronda Cheek - February 16, 2014 at 05:40 PM

CB

“ So sorry for you loss. Willie will be greatly missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Christina Beaver - February 16, 2014 at 01:51 PM

AS

Willie will greatly missed by my family he was a great man YOU are all in pour thoughts and prayers

alan simpson - February 16, 2014 at 06:58 PM

MM

*Jane and family, I am so sorry for your loss. He was a warm and gentle soul and a friend to everyone. I never saw him without a smile.
Marcia McManigal*

Marcia McManigal - February 16, 2014 at 09:38 PM

SM

*Jane and family, Willie will be missed so much. If the world could be filled with Willie Osborns, it would be nice.
Shirley Ann Minson*

Shirley Ann Minson - February 17, 2014 at 10:04 AM