



## Voncille Shipley

October 21, 1927 - July 30, 2017

Wanda Voncille Shipley, age 89, was born on October 21, 1927, near Healdton, Oklahoma to James Wesley Emberling and Emerine (Stewart) Emberling. She was raised in Healdton, graduating valedictorian from Healdton High School in 1945. She moved to Ardmore to work for Oklahoma Natural Gas Co. where she met Larry Longino.

Voncille worked for several years as office assistant for Gordon Edwards Insurance until she formed her own bookkeeping service. She continued her business after Larry died in 1972.

On May 17, 1974, she married William John Shipley, who managed the Pauls Valley location of Carey Lumber Company. In 1976 they purchased that location renaming it Shipley Lumber Company. They closed the lumberyard in 1990 and raised and sold Limousine bulls for several years.

Beginning in the fifth grade, Voncille dreamed of writing fiction. Her busy life postponed that dream until age 69 when she sold several articles based on her hobby of researching genealogy. But she really wanted to write stories, so she spent three years writing her first attempt, a series of historical family novels set in Oklahoma's early statehood. She published her first book when she was 75 years old. In all, she had five books published. She changed the setting of the last three to contemporary mysteries. After her baptism as a teenager, Voncille lived the rest of her life as a Christian. She and John devoted themselves to the Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Larry Longino, and her two brothers, Garvin and Glynn.

Mrs. Shipley is survived by her husband: John Shipley; nephews: Gary Emberling of Texas; three nieces, Diana Canary (JC) of Tuttle, Christy Hay and Marie Sweetland (Rusty) of Ardmore.

Funeral services are scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Wooster Funeral Home Chapel with Paul Melton officiating. Interment will be in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. You may send a condolence to the family at [www.woosterfuneralhomes.com](http://www.woosterfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 1. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)  
1601 South Chickasaw  
Pauls Valley, OK

## Service

AUG 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home Chapel  
1601 S. Chickasaw  
Pauls Valley, Ok

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Voncille Shipley*



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**Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - August 01, 2017 at 11:28 AM



“ *Voncille Shipley*

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November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *Dear Cousin John. I'm so glad I got to have a visit with Voncille last fall. There are so many memories to cherish of you two when Joe and I would pull the RV up under the trees to be next door neighbors for awhile. You and Joe could talk politics and Voncille and I could do a bit of family history research. In my mind, I can hear Voncille singing hymns sitting next to me at Church on Sunday. We always went out for Sunday dinner together. My so many good memories for always. I do hope she has already found my Joe. Dear John think of all the happy times you two created together. Love you! LaRita*

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**LaRita D Reynes** - August 04, 2017 at 01:03 PM

CL

“ *Crystal Lozano lit a candle in memory of Voncille Shipley*



Crystal Lozano - August 03, 2017 at 05:52 PM



“ *Voncille was best aunt you could ever dream of. Not only was she my aunt, but my next door neighbor my whole childhood. There was rarely a day that I did not spend time with Voncille and John. Voncille taught me almost everything I know. She taught me how to subtract shelling green beans. She taught me how to read by reading Are You my Mother by Dr. Seuss. She taught me how to tie my shoes. She taught me how to crochet. She taught me how to quilt. She taught me how to do laundry and the proper way to fold towels. She taught me how to do my taxes. She taught me how to be patient. She taught me how to be a Godly woman. She taught me how to be loving wife. She encouraged and supported me my whole life. I love her so much. I choose to live my life the way I was taught, so that one day I can see her again.*

Melissa Lankford - August 03, 2017 at 02:01 AM



*John I am so sorry to hear about mrs.shipley my prayers are with you.*

Cynthia Jones - August 03, 2017 at 08:47 PM

DS

“ *Voncille was a special lady and a great Bible teacher. She trained me to be a daily Bible reader. Loved the novels she wrote. Remember eating frog legs at her house!!! Praying for the family!*  
*Dianne Warren Smith*

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**Dianne Warren Smith** - August 01, 2017 at 11:59 AM

SM

“ *Aunt voncille and uncle john would come get us in the summertime and aunt voncille and i had a instant continuing lifelong bond all through the school year we were pinpals and she always guided me in positive directions and still to this day the only song im able to play on the piano is CHARIOtS OF Fire that she taught me...I LOVE You Aunt Voncille and you will be forever cherished....And uncle john i know your heart is breaking too im here if you need anything*

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**SUMMER Mason** - July 31, 2017 at 07:12 PM

VW

“ *Prayers for peace and comfort with sympathy and love. Virginia Kay Stewart White*

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**V Kay White** - July 31, 2017 at 05:57 PM

CC

“ *John, I am so sorry to hear of Voncille's passing. She has a place in my heart and an influence in my life that will forever be with me, as one of the kindest, happiest, and most intelligent woman I ever knew. I have a big lump in my throat thinking of her being gone, and I send my deep condolences and prayers to you and your family.*  
*christy schnorrenberg cody*

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**christy schnorrenberg cody** - July 31, 2017 at 05:33 PM



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Ella Lee Stewart - July 31, 2017 at 04:07 PM



*I spent many years with Voncille and John I loved working for her - Fly High With The Angels - it's not goodbye we'll see you later.*

Ella Lee Stewart - August 05, 2017 at 04:16 PM

CH

“ Mrs. Shipley I e joyed being with you and larry. in those recliner. I really liked you. you will be missed

Carol Hester - July 31, 2017 at 01:27 PM

WO

*I send prayers and love to her family*

Wa da Oakley - August 01, 2017 at 08:34 AM

LC

“ John, my condolences to you and Voncille's friends and family in your loss. May God and sweet memories give each of you comfort.

Lorene Cox - July 31, 2017 at 01:08 PM