



Shelia Fern (Moore) Blackwell

September 26, 1946 - April 29, 2026

Shelia Fern (Moore) Blackwell, born September 26, 1946, passed away April 29, 2026, in Salem, Missouri, at the age of seventy-nine years. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, educator, and business owner. Shelia lived a full and active life centered on family, faith, and service.

Born and raised in Columbia, Missouri, Shelia attended the University of Missouri (Mizzou), where she ran track. She later continued her education at Drury University where she earned her teaching degree. During her college years, she met the love of her life, Orin Darrel Blackwell, on a blind date. On November 23, 1966, they were united in marriage. The two built a beautiful life together and cherished nearly sixty years of lasting memories.

After Darrel completed his education, the couple moved to Rector, Missouri, where they began their family, eventually settling in Salem. Shelia was a passionate and dedicated educator. She taught for one year at Timber Schoolhouse before spending nineteen years teaching at Green Forest R-2 School. Known for her energy, kindness, and enthusiasm, she inspired countless students and brought joy to her classroom.

In addition to her teaching career, Shelia was a longtime partner in Jadwin Canoe Rental, beginning in 1973, and was recently involved in the acquisition of Akers Ferry. She also played a role in the early days of Camp Zoe Youth

Camp that is now Echo Bluff. She had a deep love for the outdoors, especially floating the Current River as long as she didn't get her hair wet.

Shelia lived life with vibrancy and joy. She was active in a bowling league, enjoyed playing golf, where she once held the title of club champion, and participated in softball. Her warm smile could light up a room, and her generous spirit touched everyone who knew her.

A woman of strong faith, Shelia was baptized at Prairie Grove Baptist Church and remained faithful throughout her life. Above all, she cherished her family. Wednesdays were lovingly known as "Mema Day," a special time she dedicated to her grandchildren that she adored.

Shelia is survived by her loving husband: Darrel Blackwell of Salem, MO; sons: Bradley Blackwell and wife Kim of Salem, MO and Scott Blackwell of Salem, MO; daughter: Amanda Walker and husband Billy of Salem, MO; sister: Connie Schertel and husband Steve of Warrenton, MO; brother: Rusty Moore of Moberly, MO; grandchildren: Hayden, Brody, and Raleigh; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents: Frank and Katie (Snell) Moore.

Shelia will be remembered as a sweet and remarkable woman with a big heart, unwavering faith, and a love for life that left a lasting impression on all who knew her.

Funeral Services were held May 3, 2026, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Chris Hendrix officiating. Serving as Pallbearers were Denver Blackwell, Dustin Blackwell, Jacob Blackwell, Brian Katcher, Brody Walker, and Raleigh Walker. Honorary Pallbearers were Duane Blackwell, Robert Blackwell, Lucas Blackwell, Devon Blackwell, and Billy Walker. Burial

was in the Jadwin Cemetery. The family was served by Wilson Mortuary.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Shelia to the Shelia Blackwell Scholarship Fund. Please make checks payable to Amanda Walker or Scott Blackwell. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Condolences may be left online on her tribute page at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Jadwin Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JL

“ *My sincere condolences to my cousin and teacher, Darrell, and the kids. I know you loved Sheila so very much. Your life has been an inspiration to us all of dedication, hard work and perseverance, right by each other's side.*

Julie Licis - May 06 at 10:30 AM

TL

“ *To Darrel, Scott, Brad and Amanda. Our deepest sympathies from the Looby family. We have enjoyed many year's with the Blackwells and Jadwin canoe rental family! You all know our history there in Jadwin. I don't think I have missed a year of floating in over 50 years! Always look forward to seeing you all every year!! You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Shelia will be missed!! The Looby's*

Tom Looby - May 05 at 08:30 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Wilson Mortuary - May 04 at 05:35 PM



“ 141 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Wilson Mortuary - May 02 at 10:23 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shelia Fern (Moore) Blackwell.*



May 01 at 06:34 PM



“ *Liz Blackwell & Hildy Sastre purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Shelia Fern (Moore) Blackwell.*



Liz Blackwell & Hildy Sastre - May 01 at 01:55 PM

LS

“ Liz Blackwell & Hildy Sastre planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shelia Fern (Moore) Blackwell.

Liz Blackwell & Hildy Sastre - May 01 at 01:55 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Shelia Fern (Moore) Blackwell.



May 01 at 12:03 PM



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RR

“ Sorry for your loss. The Chrisco girls Mary Ann, Linda Faye, Barbara Kaye, Lee Roy and Ruby Randolph. Barbara Kaye said she remembers taking care of your 2 little boys when you lived at Rector.

Ruby (Chrisco) Randolph - May 01 at 10:27 AM

GH

I am sorry for your loss! Sheila and I played more golf than I can count. Always fun and good memories. Hugs to all of you. Gayle

Gayle Webber Hilderbrand - May 02 at 09:24 AM

BV

“ Sending love and prayers of comfort to the Blackwell family. My family and I have enjoyed many years of camping and canoeing at Jadwin.

Bonnie Vahle - April 30 at 10:55 PM

JH

“ Jerry Higgins lit a candle in memory of Shelia Fern (Moore) Blackwell



jerry higgins - April 30 at 08:39 PM

DS

“ So sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful lady who always had a smile.

Denise Smith - April 30 at 07:35 PM

BK

“ When I was about six years old, my family was visiting the Blackwells. Aunt Shelia asked if I wanted to go with her to pick up some floaters. I had no idea what floaters were, but I was up for it. I don't know why, but riding next to my aunt in that big school bus, just talking, it was such a fun adventure for a city kid like me. She kept bragging on me to the passengers. The memory always stuck with me, and it's a good one.

I also remember when Shelia and Amanda and my family visited me in Mexico. We ended up getting in a fight with the cab driver and had to pay for some guy to drive us back to the hotel. We fit eight people into that sedan. Shelia was sure a good sport.

Brian Katcher - April 30 at 06:30 PM



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April 30 at 05:07 PM



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“ *Stacy & Michelle Smith and Carr's Staff purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Shelia Fern (Moore) Blackwell.*



Stacy & Michelle Smith and Carr's Staff - April 30 at 04:58 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Shelia Fern (Moore) Blackwell.*



April 30 at 04:11 PM