



Mayme Sheddan Bedford

June 29, 1924 - January 16, 2017

Mayme Kerley Sheddan Bedford, age 92, of Dayton, passed away Monday, January 16, 2017 at Rhea Medical Center, after a prolonged battle with Alzheimer's. She was born on June 29, 1924 in Bledsoe County to the late Robert and Cora (Henderson) Kerley. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Dayton.

At 18, after graduating valedictorian from Rhea Central High School, she took a Civil Service job in Washington, D.C. to work for the Navy Department during World War II, where she supervised about twenty secretaries whose job was to answer letters from wives and mothers about their servicemen. There she met her husband, Robert Sheddan. Following his death, she later married Fred Bedford, who at one time had been one of her teachers at Bryan College.

After a span of 17 years, she enrolled in Bryan College and earned her B.S. in 1965. That was followed by an M.Ed from UTC and an Ed.D from UTK. She served in various positions at Bryan College, including Administrative Secretary, Dean of Women, Financial Aid Officer and Dean of Counseling Services, Testing and Financial Aid, Professor of Education and Psychology, Division Chairman, Academic Vice President and Dean. She also was elected to a six-year term on the Rhea County School Board, serving as chairman in 1977.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Robert Sheddan and by her second husband Fred Bedford. She is survived by her three children, Barbara

(Herman) Posey, Frank (Barb) Sheddan and Beverly (Ray Lester) Sheddan, stepson Tom (Carolyn) Bedford, seven grandchildren, Scott Posey, Jennifer Martin, Melody Ruehling, Colleen McCowan, Michael Sheddan, Carli Hatch, Maria Hatch and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mayme will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Dr. Danny Ruehling officiating. She will be laid to rest in Rhea Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bryan College or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Please share your memories of Mayme on her on-line guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where they will receive friends Wednesday from 1:00 p.m to 3:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Rhea Memory Gardens

Hwy 27
Dayton, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **18**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc.
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Dayton, TN 37321
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Service

JAN **18**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple Street
Dayton, TN

Tribute Wall



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Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - October 03, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mayme Sheddan Bedford.



January 18, 2017 at 02:54 AM



“ Mrs. Bedford was such a fine lady and I had a lot of respect for her.

Rick Sharpe - January 17, 2017 at 07:24 AM



“ Mayme was a remarkable women whose accomplishments are profound. May the Lord touch your family with his grace and peace during this very difficult time.

Janet Crickmer - January 17, 2017 at 06:49 AM

LH

“ We are praying for your family during your time of loss.

Lynn & Beth Hixson - January 17, 2017 at 06:42 AM

WB

“ Wanda Boles lit a candle in memory of
Mayme Sheddan Bedford



Wanda boles - January 16, 2017 at 09:49 PM

SH

“ Dear Beverly and Family, We are so sad to hear about your mom.
Please know that we will be holding you all close in our thoughts
and prayers. Susan and Michael Hayter

Susan and Michael Hayter - January 16, 2017 at 03:29 PM

SW

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family at this time.
Love and prayers,
Mel, Susan Wilhoit and family

Susan Wilhoit - January 16, 2017 at 03:20 PM

PH

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