



## Mr. Thomas "Tom" Shirah

April 26, 1945 - November 6, 2025

Mr. Thomas "Tom" Shirah, 80, of Albany, died Thursday November 6, 2025 at The Willson Hospice House.

His memorial service will be held on Sunday at 2:00PM at Kimbrell-Stern. Mr. Bobby Marshall will be officiating. The family will receive friends one hour before service at Kimbrell-Stern.

A lifelong native of Albany, Mr. Shirah was the son of Lawson H. Shirah, Jr. and Annette Sellers Shirah. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy for four years where he cruised all of the Mediterranean. After that he became a Plumbing salesman for Marbut Company which later became Hughes Supply Company. Mr. Shirah was a member of Albany Gospel Chapel where he was the Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher and a Deacon. He also worked in various jobs all over the Church. Mr. Shirah was a member of the Kiwanis Club and was a good grandfather.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by his daughter Lori Jill Shirah Allen.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years Gale Poole Shirah of Albany; a son Scott Shirah and his wife Shannon of Fayetteville, GA; three grandchildren Lauren Allen Alvey and her husband Aaron of Albany; (SPC U.S. Army) Harrison Scott Shirah of Ft. Bragg, NC; Alexander Lawson Shirah of Fayetteville NC; two great-grandchildren Amelia Jane Alvey and Henry Thomas Alvey both of Albany; a sister Vicki Shirah Cooper and her husband Paul of Valdosta.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern  
1503 Dawson Road  
Albany, GA 31707  
(229) 883-4152  
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com?>

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# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Gale,  
*I was so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I will always have fond memories of our work together at Hughes Supply. He was a good man and showed his love for the lord in everything he did. I am forever grateful for him and his impact in making me become a better man.*  
Joey Floyd

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**Joey Floyd** - November 09, 2025 at 06:28 PM

DT

“ David and Dollie Tyson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Thomas "Tom" Shirah.



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**David and Dollie Tyson** - November 08, 2025 at 12:19 PM

DT

“ David and Dollie Tyson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Thomas "Tom" Shirah.

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**David and Dollie Tyson** - November 08, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas "Tom" Shirah.



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November 08, 2025 at 11:10 AM

LD

“ Love, T. Brian, Wilton and Leland Dodson purchased the *Vivid Recollections* for the family of Mr. Thomas "Tom" Shirah.



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**Love, T. Brian, Wilton and Leland Dodson** - November 08, 2025 at 10:33 AM

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“ Love, T. Brian, Wilton and Leland Dodson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Thomas "Tom" Shirah.

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**Love, T. Brian, Wilton and Leland Dodson** - November 08, 2025 at 10:33 AM

JF

“ Joey Floyd purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Mr. Thomas "Tom" Shirah.



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**Joey Floyd** - November 08, 2025 at 08:28 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas "Tom" Shirah.



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November 07, 2025 at 09:21 PM

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“ Kendall and Mitch Stover purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Mr. Thomas "Tom" Shirah.



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**Kendall and Mitch Stover** - November 07, 2025 at 07:51 PM

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“ Gale, We are so sorry to hear that Tommy was so very sick. However, he is with his love ones and yours that are already in Heaven with Our Lord. We were so close growing up, but age and time separated us to a degree in our older years. Tommy always loved coming here to our home during the summer to work on the farm with us. However, it was probably to get my Mama's cooking. She was the very best ever. He had to be a glutton for good food to have to work out in the field in hot, hot weather, and gnats, gnats, and more gnats!!!! I will always cherish those good times. We will be praying for each of you in the days, weeks, and months to come for the comfort that you will need!!! All our love and prayers, Peggy and Herman (Hampton)

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**Peggy and Herman Hampton, (Sharp)** - November 07, 2025 at 07:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas "Tom" Shirah.



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November 07, 2025 at 06:34 PM

HC

“*Huntley Carter and Robyn Cawthon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Thomas "Tom" Shirah.*

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**Huntley Carter and Robyn Cawthon** - November 07, 2025 at 06:34 PM

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“*My utmost deepest sympathy to Gale, Scott, Lauren and the whole family. My heart goes out to you all. I loved hearing their stories of when they got married. Sending my love and prayers for comfort and peace during this very sad time.*



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**Cindy Elmy** - November 07, 2025 at 06:00 PM

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*Tom made such a deep impact on our lives during the few months we knew him. He was kind, gracious, and fun. We will never forget him. Our deepest condolences to Gail and his entire family.*

*Huntley and Robyn*

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**Robyn Cawthon** - November 07, 2025 at 06:39 PM

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*How good it was spending time with Tom and Gale fifty-two years ago when we first moved to Albany!*

*We remember the first time we were invited to their house and enjoyed Christian fellowship with them. They introduced us to their friends and made us feel like we belonged.*

*So much fun that first Christmas going caroling and Gale making everybody laugh as she persisted in singing "bring me a figgy pudding" and Tom would shake his head, with a smile across his face.*

*We still recall Tom talking about his honeymoon with Gale and standing in the fire ant nest as he unloaded the car! We have used that story several times doing pre-marital counseling with young couples - things are not always what they seem - they might be wonderfully better!*

*One of the things that stands out to us about Tom was how he was gentle and patient. He never seemed to get irate or cranky, he was a good role model for how to be gracious. He was always a good listener.*

*Barbara & I send our love and deepest condolences to all the family and especially to Gale at this time.*

*Dick & Barbara Pike*

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**Richard & Barbara Pike** - November 08, 2025 at 09:15 PM

JT

*Gale, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss of Tommy; however, I'm so glad to know he suffers no more pain & is in the arms of our Savior, Jesus Christ! May God bless you in the days ahead by giving you the peace & comfort that only He can give! Love & hugs, Janice Butler Tanner*

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**Janice (Butler) Tanner** - November 11, 2025 at 12:41 PM