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The Reverend Doctor Sheila Bookout, a United Methodist Church minister, died July 29, 2019, after a long illness. Rev. Dr. Bookout, a resident of Smyrna, had served as pastor to seven United Methodist congregations as well as director of a college ministry.

Sheila Annette Bookout was born Sept. 21, 1964, and graduated from Campbell High School. She attended Furman University for two years and earned a business administration degree from Kennesaw State University. Preparing for the ministry, she graduated with a masters of divinity degree from Emory University Candler School of Theology. She earned her doctor of divinity degree from the University of Chicago McCormick Theological Seminary.

Rev. Dr. Bookout served God faithfully as pastor at Elizabeth United Methodist Church in Marietta and Haygood UMC in Atlanta. Her ministry included serving as pastor at Montpelier UMC in Milledgeville, Lavonia UMC, Saint Paul UMC in Gainesville, Tuckston UMC in Athens, and four churches in the Devereaux Circuit. She formerly was minister of youth at Smyrna First UMC and director of the Wesley Foundation at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville.

Her father, Jimmy Wayne Bookout, died in 1994, and her brother Alan Grant Bookout died in 1967.

Survivors include her mother, Jo Ann Bookout; a daughter, Tyler Grace Hunt; a brother, Gary Bookout and his wife Whitney; two nieces, Stephanie Sullivan and her husband Apollo, and Samantha Bookout; and a great-nephew, Evan Bookout.

A private service will be held in Tennessee. Contributions in Rev. Dr. Bookout's memory may be made to Emory University's nursing school scholarship fund. Contributions can be made online at www.engage.emory.edu/SheilaBookout or mailed to Emory University, 1762 Clifton Road, Suite 1400, MS: 0970-001-8AA, Atlanta, GA, 30322-4001. Make checks payable to Emory University and in the memo field specify: Nursing Scholarship Fund – Bookout Memorial, or contact Megan Lennox at the School of Nursing directly at 404-727-6917.

Comments



“ Dr. Sheila married us in 2011 right after she left Athens and I was absolutely honored that she came back to Athens for us. This is one of my favorite pictures of her -- may that light she carried continue on. - Julianne Wenner



Julianne Wenner - August 05, 2019 at 02:02 PM



“ To JoAnn and Tyler Grace: You both know what and how much Dr. Sheila meant to Donnie and me. Tyler Grace, you were my "maid of honor" when your Mother performed our wedding on the Santa Rosa Beach, Fla. on June 26, 2003. Yes, I Have photos to share with you and your Grandmother one day when we can get together. It was very sad to hear about Shelia but we all know she is now free of all pain and suffering and God granted to her the best wish ever. She wanted to live long enough to see her precious daughter graduate from High School. And, now, look how proud Dr. Shelia and JoAnn and those of us who are dear friends can be. We love you very much and are here if you need us.

Donnie and Linda

Linda Martin Peel - August 05, 2019 at 12:20 PM



“ My late parents, Evangeline and Eugene Whitley, had the honor of working with Rev. Sheila Bookout on the building fund and other committees supporting St Paul UMC Gainesville, GA. They spoke very highly of Rev. Shiela as a minister, as well as her outstanding financial management abilities. We were blessed to have spent time with Rev. Sheila when we visited my parents in Gainesville while we still in the military. Her sermons made us feel closer to our Lord. She will always be remembered by so many she forever touched with her love.

Beth & Chuck Leasure

Beth Leasure - August 02, 2019 at 02:08 PM



“ During Dr. Sheila's second or third week serving as minister of St. Paul UMC, I was scheduled for surgery and had to be at the hospital very early 5:30 am. Dr. Shelia was never a morning person but she came and stayed with my wife during the whole procedure. She meant the world to me and my family after that day, I am a better person for knowing her and thank her for her time spent service the Lord.



Jay Jackson - August 02, 2019 at 12:37 PM



“ My first meeting with Dr. Sheila occurred when I was Chairman of SPRC at St. Paul UMC in Gainesville. Some were wary of her appointment. What I remember most was her testimony. She was committed to sharing the love of Christ with others, the challenges life had given her and how we should respond when faced with situations beyond our human control. She never lost faith in God and with her encouragement we as a congregation did not either. She was a great preacher, a great daughter and a wonderful mom to Tyler Grace. The world is less with the passing of Dr. Sheila. If it is possible, heaven has been made better with her presence.

David Martin

David Martin - August 02, 2019 at 11:29 AM



“ Shelia will always be in my heart. I loved her immediately upon meeting her! She was a tremendous blessing to all of us at Tuckston. I will see her again and I look forward to seeing her at the feet of Jesus.

Barbara Cornelius - August 02, 2019 at 10:14 AM



“ Awaiting nervously to walk down the isle to join Tuckston with my husband, and two grandchildren Ella and Callaway I looked to Shelia and she calmly said.....relax they can't start without me. She put a smile on my face and hope in my heart. A Christian women that gave me strength to face each day. I will hold dearly and treasure all my memories of Shelia Bookout.

Connie Callaway Scroggs - August 02, 2019 at 09:49 AM



“ Sheila and Tyler Grace mean a lot to my husband (Robert) and myself (Janet). We saw Tyler Grace grow into a young woman. We were blessed to have Sheila be a part of our lives.
Sheila gave us many Pearls of Wisdom in each sermon. She was wise beyond her years. Prayers go out to her family.

Janet Thorpe - August 02, 2019 at 09:04 AM



“ While Shelia was our pastor my mother passed away, but Shelia couldn't officiate at mother's funeral because she was in the hospital. Shelia and I had a talk once about serious illness and how it could change a person's life. I had a very serious brain illness when I was only 21 years old. We talked about our relationship to God and how illness changed our lives. She told me that she prayed every day and asked God to let her live long enough to see Tyler Grace grow up. She made it!

Judy Carlton - August 02, 2019 at 11:26 PM



“ As the son of a long time professor/administrator of the Emory School of Nursing (Dr. Mary Hall) I appreciate the family requesting memorials to the scholarship fund of the Nursing School. God Bless.

Rev. R. David Hall

Rev. R. David Hall - August 01, 2019 at 07:21 PM



“ In the midst of my divorce, after 30 years of marriage, as my pastor, Shelia met with me and helped me discern what God wanted me to do. The effects of her wisdom and kindness remain important in my life to this day!

Nancy Knapp

Nancy Knapp - August 01, 2019 at 06:05 PM



“ Sheila was my friend and partner in ministry. We met and forged a friendship in the Augusta District. This friendship continued when I became the pastor of her home church in Smyrna.
Sheila was visionary in her ministry and served with boldness and integrity. She was faithful in her service even after she became ill.
My thoughts and prayers are with her dear mother, Jo Ann, and her daughter, Tyler, and other family members and friends in this time of sorrow.
May God's sufficient grace and eternal love be our strength now and forever.
Rest in peace, Servant of God!

James R. Mitchell

James Mitchell - August 01, 2019 at 04:46 PM



“ I went to Candler School of Theology. I also served in the Gainesville District with her. Shelia was a friend. I hated to hear she had died. I know she is with Jesus. May God bless you
Pastor Eddie Herring

Pastor Eddie Herring - August 01, 2019 at 04:44 PM



“ Remembering Sheila as a wonderful friend. Much love to her wonderful family.

Bill Maxey - August 01, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ Dr. Sheila was our minister at St. Paul UMC in Gainesville, GA.
What a woman! Inspirational sermons, great shepherd to her flock and, best of all, never failed to laugh at herself and the possible error of her ways.
Sheila was loved and we hated to see her go, but knew it was all in God's plan. I know her family will miss her terribly. CJ

Cilla Johnson - August 02, 2019 at 08:49 AM



“ Remembering Shiela from when she was a teenager lifeguarding and teaching swimming at the West Smyrna Tennis and Swim Club. She taught my daughter to swim and we loved her outgoing personality and her way with the kids. I know she was good at whatever she put her heart and mind to doing. My heart goes out to her family as they grieve her loss too soon but praise God for all she has meant to so many.

Kay Shaw

Kay & Floyd Shaw - August 06, 2019 at 07:23 PM



“ Sheila not only preached the message of Christ on Sunday, but lived the message every day of the week. She was a blessing to St. Paul UMC and our family. She will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Robert and Mary Mills

mary mills - August 06, 2019 at 09:49 PM