



Rev. Dr. Sheila Gene Combs-Francis

September 11, 1950 - January 6, 2018

Funeral Services for Rev. Dr. Sheila Combs-Francis, age 67, will be at 11:00 AM Saturday, January 13, 2018, at New Hope United Methodist Church, with Rev. Dianne Peters and Rev. Emily Robnett officiating. Private family burial in Roselawn Cemetery in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Visitation with the family will be Friday evening 5:00 to 6:00 PM, at Anderson-Burris Funeral Home.

Sheila was born to Raymond S. Jr. and Annabel Clay Combs on September 11, 1950, in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, and passed away Saturday, January 6, 2018, in Burbank, California.

She graduated from John Brown University in 1972 with a Bachelor in Music Education, she graduated from East Texas State University in 1974 with a Master in Music. In 1982, Sheila was a Phillips University graduate in Seminary. She received her Doctorate of Ministry from Southern Methodist University in 1986. On December 20, 1981, she married Thomas F. Francis in Cashion, Oklahoma. Sheila was ordained as Deacon of United Methodist Church in 1980 and ordained minister in 1983. Sheila served churches in Cashion, Geary, Hennessey, Billings, Sayre, Ponca City, Enid, Antlers and Kaw City. She was a Chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital in Enid. Sheila was a member of Kiwanis 1995-2009 and past president of Habitat for Humanity in Ponca City and Enid. She served on the board for the Child Advocacy Center in Ponca City.

Sheila is survived by her husband Thomas of the home; daughter Anna V. Combs-Francis of Los Angeles, California; sister Virginia Combs.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents and an uncle.

Memorials may be made to Oklahoma City University.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

Ft. Smith, AR

Previous Events

Visitation with Family & Friends

JAN 12. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home
Enid, OK

Celebration of Life

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

New Hope United Methodist Church
614 N. Garland Rd.
Enid, OK 73703

Tribute Wall

JT

“ Dear Tom, Anna, and the Sheila, Combs-Francis Family,
We are so sorry to her about Sheila's departure for her better place.
We will always treasure and cherish the memories that we have all
shared. She was a tremendous influence on our lives with her
wonderful Christian witness, her warm and special friendship, and
the inspiration that she gave to us during our times together. We are
better people because of her wonderful and warm friendship.
Dearest Family:
"May the warmth of God's love embrace you, May the compassion
of those who care surround you, and May the joy you once shared
brighten your days with the assurance that LOVE LIVES
FOREVER."

Jerry and Tamra Tucker - January 18, 2018 at 04:19 PM

CM

“ It was an honor to join Shelia in conversation each night in our
Covenant group at the Academy of Spiritual Formation and to learn
and grow alongside her. She will be missed! An empty chair around
our group will remind us of her joy and laughter. My prayers remain
with you Thomas and Anna. She spoke so often of her love for you.
May you be sustained with the love and hope of Jesus Christ and
sweet memories of Shelia!

Cathy Myers - January 17, 2018 at 10:08 AM

JE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Tom and Anna in these trying
times. May you find peace in the wonderful life she lived and comfort
in your good memories and the arms of God.

Jim Johnnie and Tina Antlers FUMC

johnnie epperson - January 13, 2018 at 08:50 PM

VG

“ Thoughts & prayers for Sheila's family. We were blessed to have her as the pastor at Billings UMC years ago.

Valinda (Enfield) Goeppinger

Valinda Goeppinger - January 13, 2018 at 09:46 AM

RC

“ I will carry graced memories of her delightful energy as a preacher and her wonderful musicianship shared so kindly with the faith community of the Academy for Spiritual Formation. May the love of Christ abound to you----family and friends

Rev. Rob Carr

Rob Carr - January 12, 2018 at 09:42 AM

SC

“ I will forever cherish the things Sheila helped me learn as my mentor. My prayers are with Tom and Anna. She loved you both so much!

Sharon Kay Cochran - January 12, 2018 at 05:09 AM

 Aimie Learned

“ I am so very sorry for your loss and will treasure when we came to see her in September at the church. Prayers for all. Aimie Learned

Aimie Learned - January 11, 2018 at 09:48 PM

RL

“ A good and kind person, who may it so most joy, sharing ministry with, especially with the young at church camps. She brought so many smiles on children’s faces. Rev/Retired George Lupton

Rev. George Lupton - January 11, 2018 at 06:02 PM

TS

“ The Academy for Spiritual Formation Staff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Dr. Sheila Gene Combs-Francis.



The Academy for Spiritual Formation Staff - January 11, 2018 at 04:46 PM

AC

“ Antlers First United Methodist Church purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rev. Dr. Sheila Gene Combs-Francis.



Antlers First United Methodist Church - January 09, 2018 at 10:33 AM