



## Mrs. Evelyn Rousseau Shealy

February 19, 1923 - February 4, 2016

Mrs. Evelyn Rousseau Shealy, 92, of Franklin Springs died Thursday, February 4, 2016, in the loving presence of her children, at Alive Hospice in Nashville, TN.

Born February 19, 1923 in Hong Kong, she was the daughter of the late Rev. T. H. Rousseau and Eva Brown Rousseau, missionaries to China through the Pentecostal Holiness Church. She was fluent in Cantonese and assisted her parents in the mission field. In 1940 when Japan invaded China, the American consul ordered all citizens to evacuate and she returned to the United States to live with family in Denver, Colorado where she completed high school. Evelyn moved to Franklin Springs where she graduated from Emmanuel College, then completed her education at Piedmont College and taught school. In 1946 she accompanied her sister Sybil Rousseau and Eleanor Dean Cates to do mission work in Hong Kong. Again because of war in 1951, she returned to the United States and became employed at Advocate Press (now Lifesprings). She married Alton Shealy in 1955. Evelyn retired as administrative secretary after many years of service with Charles Bradshaw. Evelyn was a help and a blessing to many people.

She is preceded in death by her husband Alton; brothers, Mark Rousseau and Jim Rousseau; and sisters, Elizabeth McClelland and Sybil Cates.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Patti and Jim Guill of Nashville, TN; son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Tammy Shealy of Raleigh, NC; and five grandchildren: Stirling, Caitlin and Patrick Guill; and Michael and Taylor Shealy.

Funeral services for Mrs. Shealy will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2016, at the Pruitt Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in the Franklin Springs City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Pruitt Funeral Home from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening. The family is at their respective homes.

Memorials may be made to Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson Street Nashville, TN 37203 or [alivehospice.org](http://alivehospice.org).

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Franklin Springs City Cemetery

Franklin Springs, GA 30639

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pruitt Funeral Home  
47 Franklin Springs Street  
P.O. Box 465  
Royston, GA 30662  
(706) 245-7234  
pruittfh@bellsouth.net  
<https://www.pruittfhroyston.com/>

## Service

FEB 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Pruitt Funeral Home Chapel  
47 Franklin Springs Street  
Royston, GA 30662

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pruitt Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Rousseau Shealy*



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**Pruitt Funeral Home** - February 10, 2016 at 09:15 AM

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“ I am saddened to have just read of Ev's passing on Hugh's News. Ev and Al were my family away from home -- I have so many memories of visiting in their home and enjoying her great meals-- Al always made sure we had ice cream or a snack! They were both great friends to me and my late Mother, Ms Olena. Also, Ev sang with my late aunt, Faye Chapman Hammett, in a trio at EC in the early 1940s. Ev and my aunt reconnected while I was a student at EC. I was in the area a few months ago and felt like I should go by Franklin Springs to see Ev -- I am so glad I did! We had a very nice visit; I was amazed at how well she was doing -- at age "90" was what she told me-- and asked that I not tell her age lol!



Ev was very special to me and encouraging to me many times. She and Al were genuine in their faith and in friendship.

My sympathy to the entire family. I am in Washington, DC on business. I would have loved to have attended her service. I will always cherish the role that Ev and Al played in my life!

Grace and Peace to all!

Dr. Sid Chapman

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Dr. Sid Chapman - February 12, 2016 at 10:18 AM

KY

“ Really enjoyed the video. Prayers for the family. Love, Kay Young / Elberton, GA

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Ky Young - February 10, 2016 at 05:05 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Pruitt Funeral Home** - February 10, 2016 at 08:56 AM

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“ *Patti, Jeffrey and family: your Mother was a beautiful soul, and I will always remember her sweet smile. When your Dad passed, Mike and I mailed a card to her and she wrote back the sweetest note, thanking us for our kind words. My Dad, Chandler Bennett, worked along side your Dad and granddad at "The Press" for many years. Mr. Shealy (your granddad), was my Daddy's "personal" mentor on the job. Even as a child, I realized the Shealy's were well-respected by my parents. In 1995, I surprised my own Mama with a 75th birthday reception. Your parents took the time to attend, and I really appreciated them coming, since my own Daddy had passed in 1992. Please know that your family is in our prayers and we are thankful for friends like Alton and Evelyn. What a grand reunion there must be, happening in Heaven today. God bless you everyone. From a long-ago friend, Teresa (Bennett) and Mike Shirley, Bowersville, GA*

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**Teresa Shirley** - February 08, 2016 at 02:04 PM

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“ *Patti, Jeff and Family, Warm memories and thoughts flood my mind of you and your Mom and Dad. My prayers are that God will comfort you and bless you abundantly as you celebrate the homegoing of your dear, sweet mother.*

*Vicki Powers*

*Spanish Fort, AL*

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**Vicki Powers** - February 08, 2016 at 12:50 PM