



## Isla Mae Shouse

July 19, 1923 - December 19, 2020

Isla Mae McManus Shouse, 97, a longtime resident of Tampa, FL passed peacefully at her daughter's (Teresa) home in Winter Garden, FL on December 19, 2020.

Isla was born in Palatka, FL to John Calvin and Estella Aurelia Baughman McManus, July 19, 1923. She attended Palatka High School and graduated in 1941.

Isla grew up in rural Peniel, Florida where her family raised chickens and cows, grew their own vegetables, fruit, and pecans, and churned their own butter. Even during the hard times of the Great Depression, Isla had a happy childhood and was the youngest of four children by ten years. Often, when she met someone new she would describe herself as 'Daddy's baby,' even into her 90's. Isla would love to tell people how happy she was when her childhood home was wired for electricity and she no longer had to study by the light of an oil lamp. And happier still when the home was outfitted with indoor plumbing. From birth she attended and was a member of the family church, Peniel Baptist. Isla had a number of jobs during her lifetime, including stay-at-home mom. She fondly remembered her first job as a bookkeeper at the bank in downtown Palatka and especially enjoyed her days working at Mendenhall Elementary School in Tampa later in life.

In 1955, Isla married Arthur Gladstone Shouse, Jr., the football coach at Palatka High School. Not long after marrying, Art accepted a new position and they moved to Tampa where they put down roots and raised their three children, John Arthur, Linda Lou, and Teresa Lynn (Tee). They built a house on Pine Lake in Forest Hills in 1965, and Isla loved her house from the day she moved in until the day she left 52 years later. Isla was widowed in 1975 and found herself challenged with working full-time, managing a household and raising three teenagers on her own. She was incredibly proud of her family and was overjoyed as the family grew, especially with the addition of her grandchildren -- Heather, Amanda, Caitlin, Andrew, and Matthew. She was later blessed with five great-grandchildren: Brighton, Libby, Parker, Lucy and Dallas. She loved, and could talk endlessly about her grandchildren -- and the grandchildren loved their Ma-Ma.

Isla loved her church, Lake Carroll Baptist, and the Sunday School class ladies, some of whom were friends for over 50 years. She loved to garden and could make anything grow. She would rather be outside in her yard or on the front porch or in the backyard swing than inside the house. She loved butterflies and anything with a butterfly motif, and this was evident throughout her house. Isla loved shoes, clothes, and always wanted her hair done just right. She was a very good cook, and her fried chicken was the best! She also made great potato salad, baked beans, and banana pudding. Isla was a social butterfly, loved to talk and people were naturally drawn to her cheerful and witty disposition. She remembered everyone's name wherever she went, and the joke around Pine Lake was that if you stopped by to say hello to Isla you would leave two hours later! She loved living independently in her own home, driving until she was 90 when she decided she needed to quit because her eyesight was failing. In her last days she remarked often that she was ready to go to her Heavenly Home.

The last three years of her life she lived with daughter Teresa and family in

Winter Garden where she was lovingly cared for. Throughout these three years she had many caregivers and we would like to thank them, especially the patience, love and care provided by Liz, Lilly, Nicole and Dorothy.

Isla is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, her sister, Irene McManus, her sister and brother-in-law, Pauline and Joe Kindred, her brother and sister-in-law, Clyde and Elsie McManus, and son John Arthur Shouse. She is survived by her children: daughter, Linda Lou Hiznay (Tom), daughter, Teresa Lynn Simmons (Dan), and daughter-in-law, Joy Lynn Shouse; grandchildren: Heather Kidera (Tom), Amanda Cohen (Eric), Caitlin McDaniel (Joey), Andrew and Matthew Shouse, and her great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews, and many dear friends.

Visitation starts at 10 AM, followed by a Celebration of Life at 10:30 AM on Saturday, January 2, 2021 at Purpose Church Orlando (13640 W. Colonial Drive, #110, Winter Garden, FL 34787). Graveside services to be held at Lake Carroll Cemetery (corner of Myers Lane and N. Armenia Avenue, Tampa, FL 33612) on January 2, 2020 at 2:30 PM.

Due to COVID, there will not be a reception following either service.

# Cemetery Details

## Lake Carroll Cemetery

2401 Myers Lane  
Tampa , FL 33612

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

Purpose Church Orlando  
13640 W. Colonial Drive, #110  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

## Graveside Service

JAN 2. 2:30 PM (ET)

Lake Carroll Cemetery  
2401 Myers Lane  
Tampa , FL 33612

# Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Dorothy Lopez. I had the pleasure of being one of Miss Isla’s more recent caregivers. She always had such a big personality and a exciting story to go along with it. Her sense of humor and her smile always kept me looking forward to seeing her the next day. I absolutely adored her love and devotion she had to her family and her daughters are a prfect example of that. Teresa always had a smile on her face and pleasant demeanor however challenging days were at times. Miss Isla raised strong, successful, loving and devoted children and was a wonderful example of a good Christian woman. Through our many conversations and time together, she taught me things that I will cherish forever. Thank you for your kind words of wisdom and your genuine love and gratitude towards me. You were certainly one of a kind and you will truly be missed. Rest in paradise ❤️🙏

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**Dorothy Lopez** - January 02, 2021 at 09:02 AM

 Mary Holcombe

“ I’ve known Mrs. Shouse since Tee and I met in high school. She was always so warm and welcoming to me at her home. She had the cutest southern wit about her and she could carry on a conversation with anyone. As she aged, none of that changed. She was fortunate to have her daughter Tee care for her so much to bring her into her home these last few years. I know how much her children and grandchildren meant to her too. Praying for peace for all of the Shouse family.  
Dan and Mary Holcombe

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**Mary Holcombe** - January 02, 2021 at 08:10 AM

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“ My name is Lillian Finizio, I was a care giver for Isla for over 3 years. I also was adopted from Teresa and her beautiful family. It was not just a job for me it was a new family to go to. When I meet Isla, right away I knew, she was a woman Of God. Every day we read the word together and sang hymns together, we also talk about are family's, that was a favorite thing to do, she loved her family very much, I will miss those time together with her, but I am happy to know the she is in a much better place with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Love you and will miss you dearly.  
Lillian Finizio



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Lillian Finizio - January 01, 2021 at 08:40 PM

LA

“ Isla and her family over the last 2 years have become more like family than my friends. I was her care giver. I loved her contagious laugh, her quick wit. Her stories of growing up in Palatka. How she loved her parents and siblings. Her Sunday dinners with Billy Graham when she was younger. I loved when we would sing Christmas Carols and hymns together.  
She was also quite passionate about her southern cooking. I tried for 1 1/2 years to master at least one dish. In October I finally mastered the grits. I think she was as pleased of me as I was myself. A week later I finally mastered the thin crispy bacon. To see the smile on her face was priceless.  
I will miss her, but I am happy she is free to move without pain and with God and her family.



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Liz Abernathy - January 01, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Isla Mae Shouse.*



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December 31, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Isla Mae Shouse.*



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December 31, 2020 at 02:42 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Tammy Grindell** - December 28, 2020 at 08:34 AM



*I enjoyed visiting my friend Isla! I will miss her very much.*

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**Tammy Grindell** - December 28, 2020 at 08:37 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Isla Mae Shouse.*



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December 27, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ *Every time she called to talk to Linda at work, we would have such wonderful conversations. A lovely person to talk to, I enjoyed those talks. You will be missed.*  
*Lorraine Hanlon*

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**Lorraine Hanlon** - December 24, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ *What a blessing Isla's life was! A beautiful woman with a beautiful heart. Very happy to have spent time with her. God's blessings and sincere condolences to the family.*  
*-Big John*

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**John Hirst** - December 23, 2020 at 10:17 PM

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“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



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**Amanda Simmons Cohen** - December 23, 2020 at 04:12 PM