



Jimmie Marie Brophy Shipley

February 28, 1958 - April 22, 2026

Jimmie Marie Brophy Shipley was born February 28, 1958, at Elizabeth Hospital in Prairie Grove, Arkansas, to Ralph Daniel Brophy and Barbara Mae Davis, the only child.

At age 16, she attended Fayetteville High School East Campus for academics in the morning and West Campus Technical Vocational in the afternoon to learn a trade as a Certified Nursing Aide. After West Campus in the afternoon, she worked at Washington Regional Medical Center in her first career as a certified nurse's assistant or aide for one dollar and fifty cents an hour.

The next hospital assignment was Fayetteville City Hospital, where she worked until graduation from Fayetteville High School. Jimmie, along with several high school friends, created their high school motto, "We're the greatest class of all; '76 will never fall."

During her high school days, she managed to briefly enjoy being on the drill team; she loved to dance. She tried out for the Fayetteville High School singing group called The Tempos and the gymnastics team. She made alternate for both.

In the fall of 1976, she was accepted into the Associate Degree Registered Nurse Program at the University of Arkansas, graduating in 1979. Jimmie

worked a variety of registered nursing careers throughout her lifetime, enjoying new experiences and challenges.

She loved her music, especially sitting on the balcony playing her Alvarez acoustic guitar (a gift from her dad on her 18th birthday) and her harmonica. She would rather write her own songs than repeat others. At the age of 37, she pursued a desire to teach, completing a Bachelor of Science in Education at the University of Arkansas.

She went on to proudly serve veterans at the VA Hospital in Fayetteville, where she earned multiple “Heart of the VA Awards,” which were nominated by veteran patients and employees.

After retiring from the VA with an incredible 42-year career in nursing, she spent her days writing and playing music and enjoying her grandkids, of whom she was most proud.

She was preceded in death by her mother’s second child, Jimmie’s half-brother, Tryan Howard, and her father, Ralph Brophy.

Jimmie is survived by her daughters, Jennifer Tschepikow (Nick) and Nicole Shipley (Sean McDonnell); and her grandchildren, Owen Tschepikow, Ellis Tschepikow, Ralph Sieren, and Mackie McDonnell; and many cherished extended family members and friends.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 1, 2026, at Christian Life Cathedral in Fayetteville, with Pastor Steve Dixon officiating. The service will begin at 1 PM.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Bluff Cemetery

795 N. Shiloh Street
Springdale, AR 72764

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

Christian Life Cathedral
1285 Millsap Road
Fayetteville, AR 72703

Tribute Wall

RT

“ Rusty & Karen Turner purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jimmie Marie Brophy Shipley.



Rusty & Karen Turner - May 01 at 06:22 PM

RT

“ Rusty & Karen Turner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmie Marie Brophy Shipley.

Rusty & Karen Turner - May 01 at 06:22 PM

MS

“ Mary Borkowski & Fran Shope purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Jimmie Marie Brophy Shipley.



Mary Borkowski & Fran Shope - May 01 at 09:07 AM

RM

“ My husband did work for Ms Jimmie for quite a few years and our family got to know her. Our kids loved that she let us come use her pool during the summers. We will never forget how kind and comforting she was to me when I lost both my parents 8 months apart. It was a blessing to know and experience Ms Jimmie's loving spirit.

Ruby Baney Morales - May 01 at 08:23 AM



“ You will never be forgotten I loved working with you such a amazing nurse every summer you would invite everyone for a pool party so much fun you where such a hoot I will miss you rip my friend



Mary Childress - April 30 at 10:14 PM



“ Caleb & Suva Parks-2472 purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jimmie Marie Brophy Shipley.



Caleb & Suva Parks-2472 - April 30 at 09:05 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jimmie Marie Brophy Shipley.



April 30 at 05:39 PM



“ Love the Davenport Family purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Jimmie Marie Brophy Shipley.



Love the Davenport Family - April 30 at 04:22 PM

SK

“ I worked with Jimmie several years at the VA. One would never find a more caring and compassionate nurse who had a true servant's heart and advocate for our Veterans. May she rest in Peace. My sincere condolences to Jim's extended family as they grieve this tremendous loss.

Sandy Kelly - April 30 at 04:11 PM



“ Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Jimmie Marie Brophy Shipley.



April 30 at 02:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jimmie Marie Brophy Shipley.

April 30 at 02:33 PM

AB

“ Anita & Randy Gray & Tyler Bean purchased the I n Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Jimmie Marie Brophy Shipley.



Anita & Randy Gray & Tyler Bean - April 30 at 02:24 PM

TB

“ *The Bradleys purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jimmie Marie Brophy Shipley.*



The Bradleys - April 30 at 01:30 PM

TB

“ *The Bradleys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmie Marie Brophy Shipley.*

The Bradleys - April 30 at 01:30 PM

RP

“ *Rick, Susan and Pat purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jimmie Marie Brophy Shipley.*



Rick, Susan and Pat - April 29 at 04:39 PM

AG

“ *Anita Gray lit a candle in memory of Jimmie Marie Brophy Shipley*



Anita Gray - April 29 at 01:49 PM

WF

“ With Love, The Winter Family purchased the *Glorious Grace Bouquet* for the family of Jimmie Marie Brophy Shipley.



With Love, The Winter Family - April 29 at 11:46 AM

WF

“ With Love, The Winter Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmie Marie Brophy Shipley.

With Love, The Winter Family - April 29 at 11:46 AM

UF

“ Uncle Cory, Jorge and families purchased the *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray* for the family of Jimmie Marie Brophy Shipley.



Uncle Cory, Jorge and families - April 29 at 12:17 AM

JP

“ Jimmie was a selfless person whom I was glad to meet at the age of 11! She was the light of the party and she will be remembered forever! Rest in peace Jimmie! RIP love you forever 🕊️🕊️❤️

Joy Porter - April 28 at 07:28 PM



“ Jimmie shared an August birthday with several of us older nurses working with her at the VA. So when she had her famous August birthday party's everyone was invited. She loved music & always played her guitar. The music was epic, dancing, singing & celebration with a friend. I know she is singing & playing in heaven with her dad.

Cindy Sloan - April 28 at 07:20 PM

SC

I agree with Cindy. Jimmie was one of a kind. Thoughts and prayers to the family

Shelley Casselman - April 29 at 08:09 PM

SM

“ Sheila Morell purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jimmie Marie Brophy Shipley.



Sheila Morell - April 28 at 06:43 PM

CD

“ I've known Jimmie for 50 plus years. We lived in the same neighborhood, and we used to run around together in high school. I lost track of her when I enlisted in the military. It was really serendipitous that my wife who worked with Jimmie at the VA became really close friends and would go to lunch and talk on the phone often. After all the years that had passed since we ran around together when younger she still called me Tiger and she was still the same Jimmie I enjoyed hanging with when younger, happy, fun, and a joy to be around. My wife and I will miss her.

Chuck Debes - April 28 at 06:11 PM

AG

“ I meet Jimmie 39 years ago while we were working at the Washington County Health Department . From that day we have never been to far apart she was like a sister to me. She could make me laugh, while I was crying. Even when I moved out of state ,she came and found me. She was a true loving friend, I will never be able to replace. Jimmie loved to play music and was full of life. I have so many memories of our friendship over the years. I will miss her dearly. All my love and prayers to the family.
Sincerely, Anita Gray

Anita Gray - April 28 at 04:22 PM

BM

My deepest sympathy to Nicole and Sean on your great loss. May she RIP and May your memories bring you comfort.

Bernadette McManus - April 28 at 08:40 PM