

### **Sheila Mary Tinsley**

age 79, of Natural Dam, Arkansas, died peacefully on October 9, 2012. She was born in May 1933 in New York City to James Patrick Meehan and Julia Farnham Meehan.

Sheila grew up riding the bridle paths of Central Park in New York City, where her lifelong love for horses began. While raising her five children there were always horseshows, Pony Club, foxhunting, checking cattle on horseback, and the annual fall trail ride that Sheila hosted with her husband Eldon. She extended her enjoyment of horses by teaching her children and grandchildren and students to ride.

Sheila was a painter and illustrator. She used her talents to create personalized cards and portraits for friends and family, as well as chronicling the events of the community she loved in the years she wrote and illustrated the newsletter, "Water Over the Dam".

She surrounded her home with gardens that grew an abundance of flowers and produce, which she generously shared. A favorite from her garden and kitchen was her strawberry freezer jam.

Sheila had a gift for singing with her lovely voice. She never missed an opportunity to sing with the church choir, to sing Irish ballads and dance a jig, or to lead in Christmas caroling along Cove Creek.

Sheila is survived by her sons from her marriage to James S. McMahon: Tim McMahon and wife Jennifer of Fayetteville, AR, and sons James McMahon and Brandon Looper; James McMahon and wife Margaret of San Antonio, TX, and children Corrie Mauldin, Bowman McMahon, Shaw McMahon; John McMahon and wife Erika of Fayetteville, AR, and daughter Sallie McMahon; Clancy McMahon and wife Jennifer of Natural Dam, and children Liam McMahon and Grace McMahon.

Sheila is also survived through her marriage to Eldon G. Tinsley by his children: Jerry Tinsley and wife Becky of Lee's Summit, MO, and children Sara Tinsley and Clayton Timmons; Brenda Arndt and husband David of Dallas, TX, and daughter Nikki Elliot; and Anita VanZant of Farmington, AR, and children Landon VanZant, Ryan VanZant, Mandy Polley, Jenifer VanZant, and Lindsay Jester.

Sheila was preceded in death by daughter Julia Farnham McMahon and husband Eldon Tinsley.

### **APPRECIATION**

On behalf of the Tinsley & McMahon family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

**Luginbuel Funeral Home**

**Prairie Grove, Arkansas**

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**Sheila Mary Tinsley**  
**May 1933 - October 9, 2012**

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber . Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep . The LORD is thy keeper : the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm 121



**CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF**  
Sheila Mary Tinsley

**DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE**

Saturday, October 13, 2012 - 4:00 P.M.  
First Presbyterian Church  
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

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**ORDER OF SERVICE**

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Prelude	Pianist - Lynda Bottoms
"Fairest Lord Jesus" # 306	Congregational
Opening Remarks and Prayer	Joe Hall
"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" # 171	Congregational
"Danny Boy"	Ember Lanuti
Words of Comfort & Victory	Joe Hall
"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"	Pat Hall
Closing Prayer	Joe Hall
Postlude	Pianist - Lynda Bottoms

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**FINAL RESTING PLACE**

Prairie Grove Cemetery  
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

**MEMORIALS**

Coffee Creek Riding Center for the Handicapped  
17 E. Coffee Creek Rd. Edmond, Oklahoma 73034 - [www.coffeecreek.org](http://www.coffeecreek.org)  
Horses for Healing  
14673 Daniels Rd. Bentonville, Arkansas 72712 [www.horsesforhealingnwa.org](http://www.horsesforhealingnwa.org)