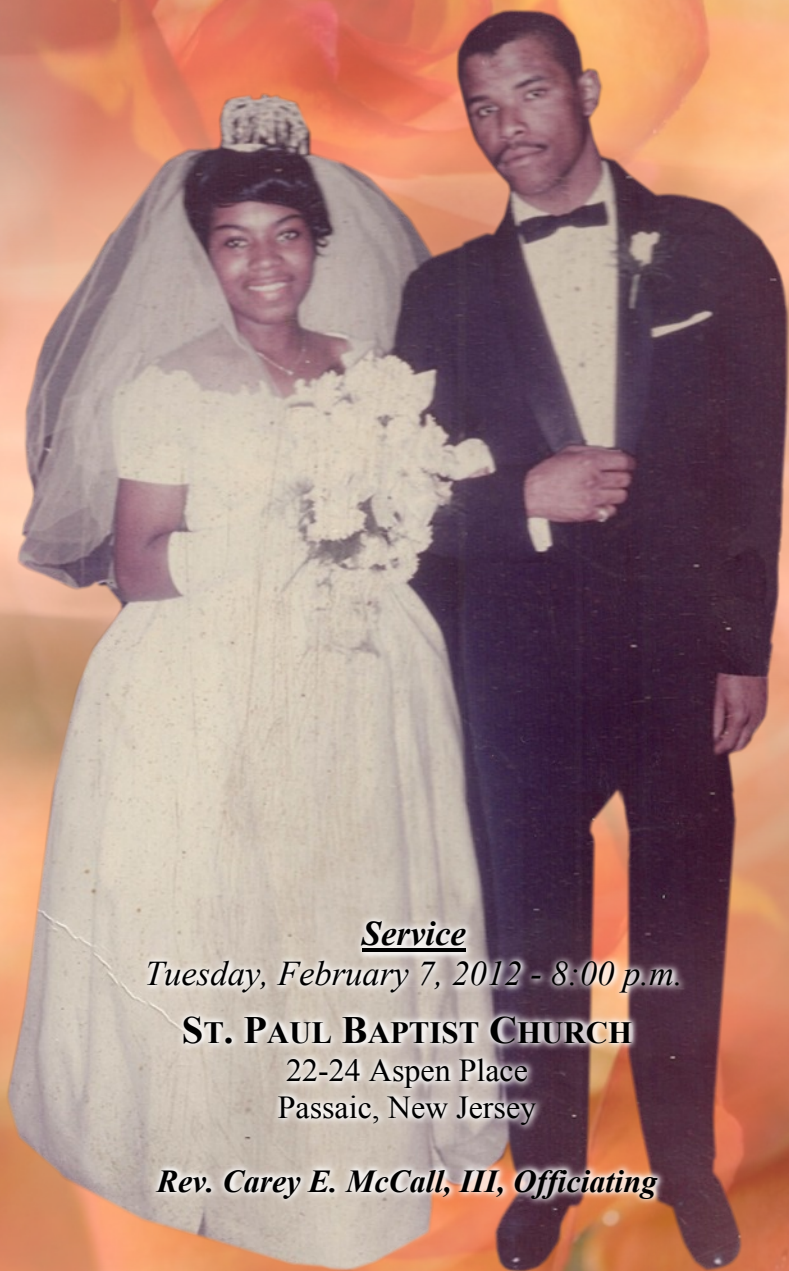


Celebrating The Life Of
Sheila Gleabes

July 5, 1941 - February 1, 2012



Service

Tuesday, February 7, 2012 - 8:00 p.m.

ST. PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH

22-24 Aspen Place
Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. Carey E. McCall, III, Officiating

Our Journey

Shirl:

On September 15th 1962, you and I walked out the St. Paul's Baptist Church to begin a journey together, through the uncertainty of life as husband and wife. As we journeyed through life toils and snare, we had two children, bought a home, traveled and were blessed with five grandchildren. We experienced the ups and downs of marriage. But, our love for each other always stayed strong.



I feel so honored to have had you in my life, and I take pride in calling you my wife. I watched you spread your love and affection on our children and grandchildren, and the way you smiled and lit up when they called you Mommy, Mema, and Grandma. You were always about caring and loving your family.

In 2006, our lives took a dramatic change. There were days when I thought our days together were over. One day I came down into our living room and got on my knees and said "God I'm not asking you, I'm begging you to give me and Shirl some more time to be together." I remember going to the hospital and telling the doctors and nurses "get my wife ready I'm taking her home, if she has to pass away let it be in our house surrounded by her children, grandchildren, Maryellen, and friends.

Once you got home to your children, grandchildren, Maryellen and friends, you just blossomed and thrived. You couldn't wait to be a housewife again. In time, you became your caring, and loving self again. And, when we went to your doctor's visits, the doctors raved and called you their "miracle." And said "you made them look good." God gave us six more wonderful years together. On February 1, 2012, our journey together came to an end after forty-nine and a half years.

February 2, 2012, I looked at your side of our bed and you were not there. Then I realized I would not hear your caring voice say the little everyday things you were always saying like "good morning" "are you hungry?" "How do you feel?", "I talked to the kids today," "while you are out pick me up something at the store for me," and love you Louis Gleabes." Thank you Shirl for loving me, Thank you for caring about me, you have been the love of my life, and my joy, and I will always love you. Our journey together on this side has been interrupted. But, I know one day we will resume our journey again.

Love Bucky

Reflections of Life



Sheila Washington Gleabes was born July 5, 1941 to the late Thomas Covington and Margaret Washington in Passaic, NJ.

She was educated in the Passaic School system. She was a graduate of Passaic High School and the Passaic County Vocational Tech where she received her Degree of Nursing in 1971. She was employed by Saint Mary's Hospital, Passaic, NJ for twenty years also Daughters of Miriam, Clifton, NJ for sixteen years.

She met her husband, Bucky in 1960. She and Bucky were married in 1962 and through this union two daughters, Melanie and Jennifer were born.

She was member of the Saint Paul's Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Lucius Walker.

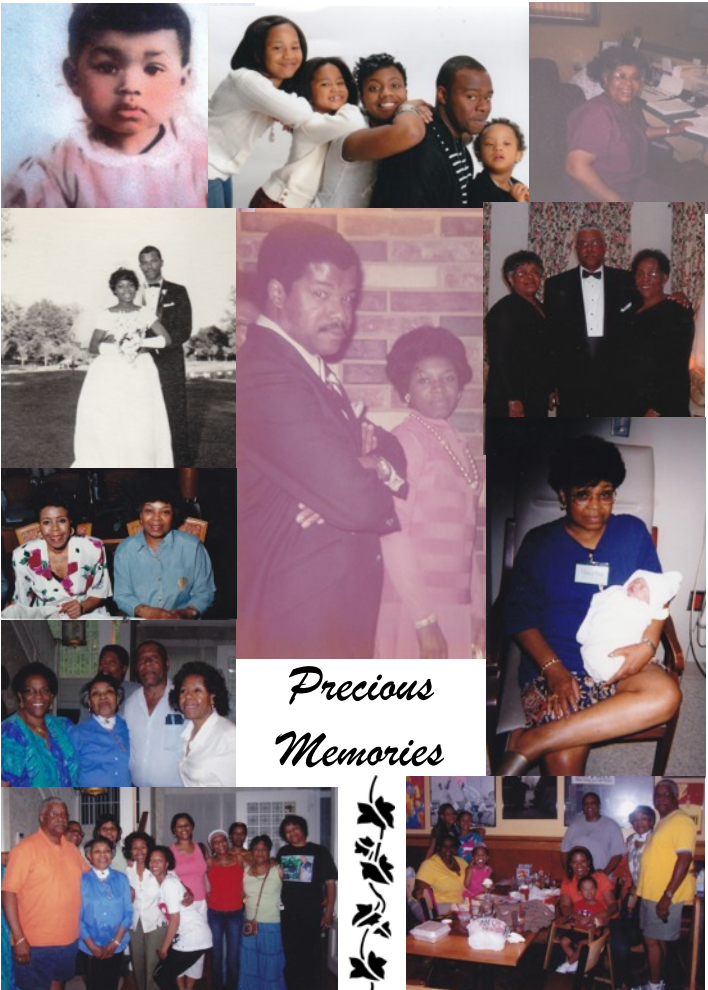
Sheila aka Shirley was known for her great love of her family, always inquired of their where about, how they were doing and if they needed anything. She was always there for them even through her sick days.

She was known as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. She loved to go to Atlantic City and Red Lobster with her husband and her "Chubby Baby Sister" Maryellen who she called "Chubbs." she raved about her husband and wouldn't trade him in for the world. They both traveled, and had so much fun together. She will be dearly missed.

She was predeceased by her brothers, James and Howard Washington, her mother and father-in-law, Nana and Pop-Pop McNair of Passaic, New Jersey.

Sheila departed this life on Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

She leaves to mourn: her husband, "Bucky"; her daughters, Melanie and Jennifer; five grandchildren, Nahtascha, Rashawn, Maiya, Jade and Makhi; her sister, Maryellen; her brother, Kenneth; her niece "Sweet Kid" Lauren; her sisters-in-law, Eula, Jeanette, Francine, Carol, Jean, Lois and Willa; her dear sister-cousin, Beverly; a future son-in-law, Mike and the family pet Mocha; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.



Order of Service

Prelude Place Brothers

*Opening Hymn “Help Me Lift Jesus”
Pastor Carey E. McCall III*

Invocation Pastor Carey E. McCall III

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23 Pastor Melanie Gleabes

New Testament - John 14:1-4

Prayer of Comfort Minister Nancy Nieves

Selection Kashima Washington

Acknowledgements/Reflections .. Ms. Kimberly Lipscomb

Remarks (Limited) 2 Minutes

Selection Randy Kenner

Eulogy Pastor Carey E. McCall III

Recessional Song “He Lives” (CD)

Interment

*East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey*



*You can only have one mother
Patient kind and true
No other friend in all the world,
Will be the same to you.*

*When other friends forsake you,
To mother you will return.
For all her love and kindness
She asks nothing in return.*

*As we look upon her picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile one and all.*

*Sweet Jesus, make this message,
To our dear mother above,
Tell her how we miss her,
And give her all our love.*

Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

May God Bless and Keep You!

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