

Home Going Service

for



First Lady

Shirley Emily Bristol

Sunrise
May 18, 1940

Sunset
October 15, 2012

Service

Friday, October 19, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 20, 2012 - 11:30 a.m.

CHRISTIAN PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

971 Clinton Avenue
Irvington, New Jersey
Rev. Jerry Smith, Pastor

Immediate Family Members

Husband

Dr. Ivan H. Bristol

Children

Valerie Walcott (deceased)
Shellita Bristol-Mentore
Carol Edwards
Flora Cummings
Rudan Nicholson
Marilyn Bristol-Mentore
Hollice Bristol
Ivan B. Bristol
Ruth Bristol (deceased)

Son-In Laws & Daughter-In Law

Brentnol Mentore
Nigel Cummings
Gavin Mentore
Dominique Bristol

Parents

Elfrida Henry
Edmond Henry (deceased)
Benjamin McAlmont (deceased)

Uncles, Aunt and Cousins (The Love of her life)

Aaron Richards (deceased)
Edna English (deceased)
Stephen Richard (deceased)
Donald Richard

The English's family Joseph and Siblings
The Richard's family Eulis and Siblings

Sidings (from her Father)

Norma Semple (deceased)
Pamela Johnson (deceased)
Llody McAlmont (deceased)
Michael Joseph
Kate Williamson
Phil Curry
Alphine Nicholson
Benjamin McAlmont
Gordon Riley
Louise Burgan
Ruth McAlmont
Ella McKenzie

Sidings (from her Mother)

Norma Reese
Jean Reese
Nina Skeete
James Henry
Brentnol Henry
Monica Eastman
Desiree Beckles

Obituary



Proverbs of Solomon chapter 31 verses 10-31 asks the question, *“Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. The heart of her husband safely trusts her; so he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil all the days of her life....She willingly works with her hands... she also rises while it is yet night, and provides food for her household,... she girds herself with strength, and strengthen her arms.... She extends her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of snow for her household is clothed with scarlet... Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land..... Strength and honor are her clothing; ... She opened her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness... She does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: Many daughters have done well, but you exceed them all. Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.”*

Shirley Emily Bristol was born on Saturday, May, 18 1940 in Nabaclis Village East Coast Demerara, Guyana South America to Elfrida Richards and the late Benjamin McCalmon. She was married to Dr. Ivan H. Bristol for 52 years, and from their union brought forth nine children: Valerie Pamela (deceased), Shellita, Carol, Flora, Rudan, Marilyn, Hollice, Ruth (deceased) and her only son Ivan; her adopted children, along with Allison and Nyelette; and her godchild, Lavern.

Grandchildren: Shawin, Shawn, Kevin, Sheldon, Tanisha, Shenilla, Nina, Shamika, Jasmine, Nigel, Keandra, Inique, Kenneth, Isaiah, Mercedes and Ivana Shirley; Johnell, Marcella, Kimola and Shilo. She loved her grandchildren very much.

Great Grandchildren: Norelle, Kamaiyah, Za’Naijajah, Sariyah and Maya.

Sons-in-law: Brent, Nigel, Gavin and daughter-in-law, Marie Dominique.

Nieces and Nephews: Anthony, Annette, Kim, Denise, Dawn, Annis, Keturah, Beverly, Kay, Michael, Colleen (her favorite niece), Bryston,

Onico, Onisse, Mark, Natasha, Ayaria, Trevor, Holitha, and a host of others around the world.

Brothers and Sisters-in-law: Rassy, Celena, Freddy, Norbert, Oswald, Elizabeth, Terrence, Maureen, Asquith, Carman, Kenneth, Claire, Lennox, Percy, Joseph, Valarie, Denise, Randolph (deceased), Ebenezer (deceased), Myrtle (deceased), Walter, Walton (deceased) Violet, Shirley, Harold (deceased), Robert and Paul.

Shirley migrated with her husband to the United States to make a better life for her family. She began working at Ideal Toy Factory in Newark, NJ in the 80's and remained there for approximately 8 years. Being an ambitious woman, wanting the best for her family, she returned to school and completed the CNA program at Essex County College. Mama gained employment at Roseville Hospital in Edison, NJ where she worked for many years until retirement.

“Shirley”, “Mom”, “Mommy”, “Mama”, as she was known to most, was indeed a dynamic woman of God. She loved the Lord and His people. She would give her last if needed and will always lend a helping hand. Mama was a woman with much wisdom and gave very sound advice never failing to resort to the Word of God to back up the advice. Mama loved to cook and even when she was at the point where she could no longer do it on her own, she would walk you through the steps to ensure it was to her specifications.

What Mama was most admired for was the fact that she was real and no matter what the problem was, she would try to solve it in the most realistic way ever. She did not hesitate to make you aware of whether you are right or wrong. Nonetheless, her words were delivered with love. Shirley was the first lady of Bethel Deliverance Tabernacle and would work with the people of God in every way. She was not only a pillar, mother, and mentor to her family, but also to her community and church, both in Guyana and United States of America.

She leaves to mourn her beloved family, siblings and friends. Today we can truly say that the earth's loss is indeed heaven's gain. Her soul is resting in peace. Because of her impact, our lives are forever better.

Lovingly submitted by,
Her Husband and Children



Order & Worship

Friday, October 19, 2012

Minister Ivan B. Bristol, (only son), Officiating

Viewing 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Musical Prelude.....“Let The Church Say Amen”- Marvin Winans
Musical Prelude.....The Wilson Brothers

Home going Service 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Invocation.....Dr. Odessa McNeill

Song Selection.....Bethel Praise Team

Old Testament Reading.....Job 19:13-27
Keandra Nicholson, Granddaughter

New Testament Reading.....1 Corinthians 15:50-58
Karen Sampson

Special Reflection.....Kenneth Nicholson, *Grandson*

Reflection.....Nigel Brian Cummings, *Grandson*

Reflection.....Joseph English, *Cousin*

Praise Dance Selection.....Shenilla Mentore, *Granddaughter*

Reflection.....Denise Gordon, *Sister-In-Law*

Song Selection.....(The Prayer).....The Gordon Children

Tributes.....Pastor Philip Sampson
Min. Williams Langevine
Bro. Asquith Bristol

Obituary.....Jasmine Bristol, *Granddaughter*

Special Reflection.....Kimola Fordise, *Granddaughter*

Special Reflection.....Sheldon Mentore, *Grandson*

Song Selection.....Allison Eka

Eulogy.....Min. Marilyn Mentore, *Daughter*

Final Remarks.....Shellita Mentore, *Daughter*

Benediction.....Pastor Philip Sampson

Order & Worship

Saturday, October 20, 2012
Shellita Bristol-Mentore, (daughter), Officiating

Homegoing Service - 11:30 a.m.

Musical Prelude.....The Wilson Brothers

Processional

Invocation.....Carol Edwards, *Daughter*

Song Selection.....Bethel Praise Team

Old Testament Reading.....Job 19:13-27
Denise Wilson, Niece

New Testament Reading.....1 Corinthians 15:50-58
Nina Edwards, Granddaughter

Reflection.....Colleen Henry, *Niece*

Congregation Selection

Reflection.....Anthony McAlmont, *Nephew from London*

Song Selection.....Gordon Wilson, *Nephew*

Acknowledgement & Condolences.....Brenda Langevine

Song Selection.....Johnell Beckles, *Granddaughter*

Reflection.....Roxann English, *Cousin*

Obituary.....Jasmine Bristol, *Granddaughter*

Special Reflection.....Tanisha Edwards, *Granddaughter*

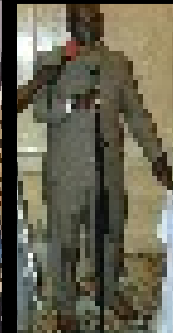
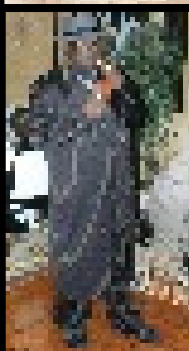
Song Selection.....Sara Gordon, *Niece*

Eulogy.....Dr. Odessa McNiell

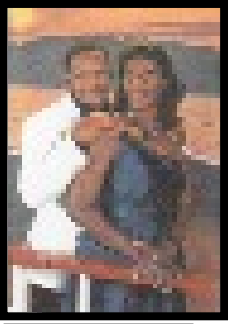
Prayer for the Family.....Pastor Jerome Johnson

Final Remarks.....Minister Ivan B. Bristol, *Son*

Benediction.....Pastor Philip Sampson



Good Bye From Your Children

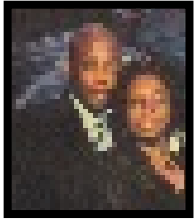


Mom, I cherish the moments as I reflect on your stability. I drew strength from your faithfulness. I truly cherish those moments. Thank you mom for being the woman you are. You have taught us to live a balanced life.

Love Shelly & Brent

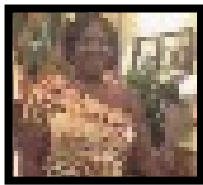


Mom was an excellent mother and friend. Sometimes I would talk with her about anything and she will listen and give me advice. She will always be in my heart and I will miss her a lot but God will take me through this until I see you again love Carol.



Your Love we will always cherish. Thank you for being that loving mother with all the kindness you have shown my family over the years.

Love you always Flora & Nigel



Mom I Love you and you have done so much for my self and the kids, thank you. Love Rudan



My mother "Standing somewhere in the shadow you find Jesus, He's the one who always care and understand. Standing somewhere in the shadow you will find Him and you will know Him by the nail print in His hands." On Monday as we sang this song for you we watch you transitions out of this world. It was a moment I will never forget, our hearts hurts, we cried, we were in awe of God's love the peace of God that came into room 609 at Newark Beth Israel Hospital.

Life has so many curves and every curve has a difference story. Some we travel slow and some fast, my mother this one is a very hard curve to go around but I will take this curve one step at a time. I can here you saying Marilyn, why you taking so long on this curve? This my mother is an unfamiliar curve that I am depend on Jesus to take me thought one day at a time. We were planning to keep you longer than you wanted to stay, but I know that you had to go and answers the call when the father call your name. We didn't want you to go but we know that the father has need of

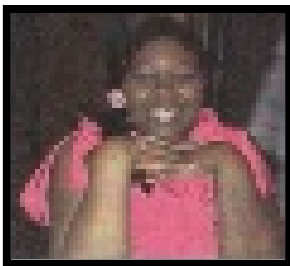
you, finally you have won the battle of over your sickness, free from pain, no more needles, no more blood transfusion, on more medication, no more dialysis free from it all.

You were an exceptional daughter, wife, mother and grandmother, Proverbs 31:25 say Strength and dignity are her clothing and her position is strong and secure she rejoices over the future the latter day or time to come, knowing that she and her family are in readiness for it. (amp).

She was a mother of great meaning, she thought us how to love God, she thought us how to love each other and live in unity also how to be each other keeper. Thank you for reminder me about my true purpose, I am so glad that there was no unresolved issues between us. I made you a promise to keep an eye on your grand children and I will keep my word. We will be ok. Sleep in the are of the father we will meet again.

Mom the first time I saw you I know you were special lady because of you I have the wife I was in search of all of my life. Words cannot express my gratitude to you. You have accepted me for who I am and always treat me like a son. I felt the lost of a mother twice but I know that you are in a better place rest in peace one day we will meet again.

Much love Marilyn & Gavin

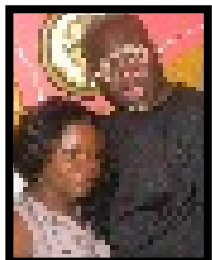


Mom our love was real, you always taught me the right things, you are in a better place and no more pain, I love you and I will always keep your love, smile, caring, in my heart.

Love always Hollice



A mother plays many roles and wears many hats in life. Even when their own kids grow up they mother other people's children. In this case Mama Shirley did that for me. She taught me things in my life that I never knew I could learn. One very important thing is how to be the woman that God has called me to be and still be real. Mama may your soul rest in peace. You are gone but will never be forgotten. I know that you went to sleep knowing that Shilo, Obi, and I love you very much.



Mama its been just a few days since God and His Angels called you home. Oh how the Angels rejoiced as you walked through the Pearly Gates. Mama you were an Angel here on earth and we have learned so much from you. You taught us how to love unconditionally and how to be the very best at what we do. You gave your all to God and your family, and never once stopping to think about yourself. How we will miss our special talks where you never sugar coated the truth. We will never say goodbye to you instead we will say we love you until we meet again. 2nd Timothy 4:7 and Proverbs 31 love Ivan, Dominique, Inique, Isaiah, and Ivana Shirley

Good Bye and We Love You From Your Grandchildren



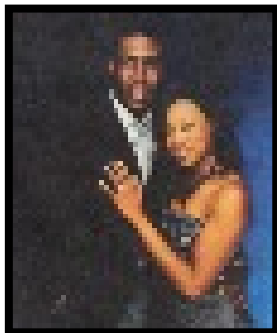
We are the last of the Brady bunch, your two oldest grandchildren. We can't and won't ever forget what you have done for us and for what you have shown us. We, Shawn and Shawin Bristol (flipsidetwin) are the way we are because of you. If someone doesn't like it, we'll tell them like you told us, "Who cares!!!" Even on your sick bed you told us "Boys, y'all see me here... y'all grandmother going down." That's real G talking. The same way



There are a lot of words I can say, but for now I will say that "You are my No. 1 Fan."

you and Dee were a platform for a lot of people that came from Guyana, this is the same reason we started our production company... just a platform for upcoming musicians and artists.

We love you always, Flipside



Grandma,
You have shown us the true value of family and love, and for that, you will be dearly missed. See you again in Paradise.

Love,
Sheldon and Orletta Mentore



Mama Bristol, I'm not going to say goodbye because wherever I am, you will always be in my heart. Mama, words cannot express the blessings you have shown to me over the years. Thank you for the kindness, generosity, and prayers that you have bestowed upon me over the years. I love you so much and I miss you already.

Proverbs 31:28 "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

Love you always,
Johnell



Mama you're a trip ...I cannot believe you are gone! I truly appreciate all that you have done for me as you knew the true meaning of being a grandmother. I will cherish all of the fun times I had with you and all of our inside jokes. And even though I miss you a lot, I do have comfort in knowing you are with God as you lived a holy life. I love you and I will not stop loving you and may you rest in heaven until we meet again one day.

-Tanisha



Mama, I never imagined this day coming so soon. It's going to be so hard saying I'm going to "mama and dee" house and you're not there sitting by the window. I'm so used to walking into the house and you saying "Oh Shenilla, you come down". Thinking of all your stories and crazy sayings bring tears to my eyes. Mama, we

love and miss you so much. I know God knows exactly what He's doing. You no longer have to suffer or deal with any pain. Till we meet again, I love you always.

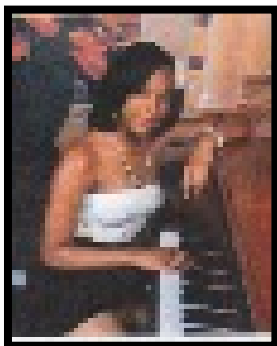
Your granddaughter,
Shenilla Mentore

P.S Give Auntie Pam a kiss for me :)



Words can't express how much I'm going to miss you Mama. From your funny sayings to your genuine love. Although, you've left us, you will always and forever be in our hearts. Rest Peacefully Mama

Love,
Nina Francine



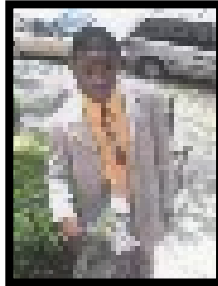
I've been sitting here for the past 2 days now trying to find the right words to explain exactly how I feel about losing someone so dear and special to me. I'm still speechless and in shock because I never expected my grandmother to leave me so soon. The fact that I'll never be able to hear her voice or see her precious face again is very devastating. It hurts to know that life is short, and the reality that I'm forced to face about this makes me cherish and appreciate my own life. Grandma, I'll never forget the unforgettable times we shared and all of the wonderful, helpful advice that you've given me. You've always been there for me no matter what, and you've never ever turned your back on me. You knew all of the right answers, and you were indeed the wisest woman I've ever known. I could always come to you for anything, no matter what it was. Currently, as I'm writing this, my mind is racing with numerous thoughts of you, grandma. If I were to put all of my thoughts on paper, I would be writing forever. I'm going to end on this note: Grandma, May your soul rest peacefully. May you shine on us daily to remind us that we have an angel watching over us. And promise me that when I do see you again, we'll sit down and laugh about all of the times when you thought I was up to no good lol. Those were

some hilarious good times that'll never get old. Grandma, I love you more than life! All I have left of you is memories.

R.I.P, Grandma Shirley. Love, Your granddaughter Jasmine Bristol



Mama I love you very much and you will be missed.
Shamika

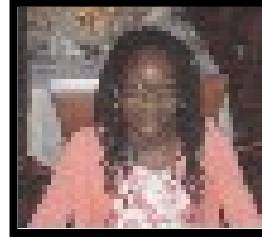


When I found out that you weren't going to make it , I felt like my heart shattered in pieces you was always there for me. You disciplined me when I was acting out of order. I commend you for that and it's making me into the young adult I will be now and later on in life . Mama, I love you with all my heart you'll always will be with me no matter what . - Love Your Grandson Brian.

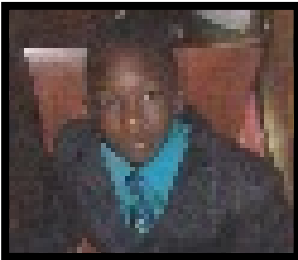


Mama you will forever be missed. Thank you for all that you have done for me and all the times you were there for me even when my mother was to busy to be around. When my father left me you stepped in and did whatever you can to benefit me. When Dee said no you was always behind him saying yes. You're in a better place now and I'm happy that all your pain is gone. There is no one that can take your place, and you were a strong foundation in our family, that always kept it stable. There is no word that can describe how wonderful you were to me. Your eyes were always stern when i needed a lesson. Even though we lost a very great and powerful women in our life, God has gained a great angel. I Love You Mama, I will see and talk to you later.

Love always Keke



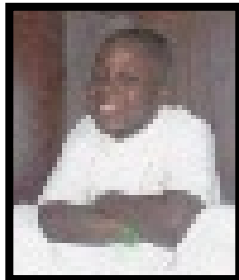
Mama you were my favorite grandmother; in fact you were the only grandmother I knew. I was glad I got to spend 12.10 years with you. I remember when auntie Pam died, you said to me, "keep on moving on, people are going to come and go, just move on". I always look forward to hearing you say, " Who's there" when you hear the door open or you seating at your favorite spot by the window. I love hearing about your crazy stories from when you were in Guyana. I grew up with you and was very close to you. Thank you for taking my side when I would tell you about my teachers in school. Your cooking was the best. Mama, you may be gone physically, but you will never be forgotten. Psalms 100;4 R.I.P Mama. Love Inique



Mama I will miss you so much. You were like another mother to me, but we are happy you are in a better place now and you are no longer feeling pain. when no one else was there me I can always depend on you.
Love always Kenny

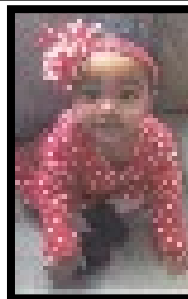


Mama thank you for my bouncer and now my guardian Angel.
Love Ivana Shirley

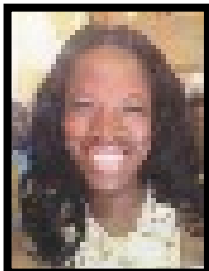


You are the greatest grandma anyone can have. You used to tell jokes a lot and it made me laugh especially hearing the sound of your laughter. Thank you for cooking me spaghetti and meatballs. You always love me even when I make noise in the house. I will always remember you mama no one can ever replace you. You will always be there in my heart.

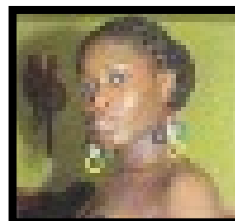
Philippians 4;13 and John 3;16 R.I.P Mama
Love Isaiah



Thank you for loving me.
Love Mercedes AKA Benzs as per you.



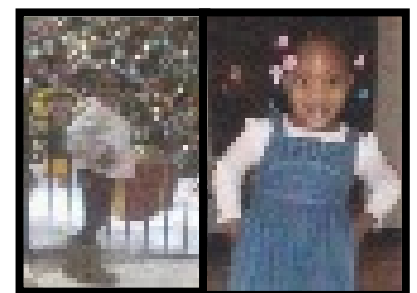
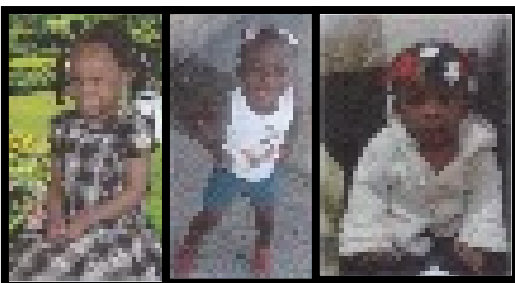
Proverbs 31:20 "She open her hands t the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy." Mama you were a remarkable woman, who showed love to all. We will always love you, rest in peace. Kimola



"A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again."

- Maya Angelou
Love you Mama
Marcella Benn

**Good Bye and We Love You
From Your Great Grandchildren**







Acknowledgement and Thank You

The family and close relatives of Shirley Emily Bristol (Mama) wishes to express our deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness and support during this time of bereavement. Perhaps you sent a lovely card, text your condolences, emailed your thoughts and reflections, maybe you called on the phone or came over to her home; or spoke a word of kindness or said a prayer for us, perchance you are here on this day and simply don't know what to say... we honor and recognize you!

Special Thank You

- We express thanks and appreciation to Pastor Jerry Smith and the congregation at Christian Pentecostal Church and Hopewell Baptist Church, Newark NJ for hosting us during this time of bereavement. Also Pastor Jerome Johnson at Glorious Church of God In Christ, Burlington, NJ. Words are inadequate to express our gratitude, may the Lord bless you richly.
- We would like to thank the Board and congregation of Bethel Deliverance Tabernacle Church, Newark, NJ. (Our home church) where the Rev. Ivan H. Bristol, our Dad is Senior Pastor and Founder. To the congregants at Bethel, you have in Mommy' life and our condolences to you because you also mourn her passing.
- The physicians and medical staff, with special concentration to MD. James Cort for 30 years of service; also MD. Patrick Anderson your expertise and support is appreciated.
- To the Cotton Funeral Home for making all the Funeral arrangement.
- Karen Sampson @ English Country Garden for all the flower arrangement, Sister Karen as usual an exceptional presentation.
- To all our colleagues, friends and neighbors your support is evident and appreciated..

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