

A portrait of Shirley Francis, an elderly woman with short, curly grey hair, wearing a red jacket over a blue shirt and a gold necklace. She is holding a large white flower. The background is dark with some white floral elements.

*In Loving
Memory
of*

Shirley Francis

Sunrise
October 14, 1944

Sunset
February 11, 2013

Service
Saturday, February 16, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

GREATER ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
2365 8th Avenue • New York, NY

Obituary



Shirley Louise Francis was born on October 14, 1944 to the late John and Bernestine Grant in Columbia, South Carolina.

Shirley was lovingly known as Peggy, Big Shirley, Sunshine, Sugarfoot and Auntie Peg-Peg. She grew up in Spanish Harlem where she attended Patrick Henry J.H.S. and went on to complete her high school education at Washington Irving H.S.

She met and married Calvin Francis and out of that union six children were born.

She is preceded in death by two children, Gordan (Butch) Francis and Dale (Steven) Graham and one granddaughter, Selena Alexander.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories: three daughters, Roslyn and Gwen Francis and Carol Moore (Ellen); two sons, Calvin Jr., and George Graham; three brothers, John Jr., Harold and Bernard Grant; three sisters, Barbara Lucas, Bernadette Haynes and Jenell Hackett; she also leaves her partner in life for thirty-eight years, Laval Moore; one aunt, Mrs. Helen Nelson; two uncles, Mr. Sim Copeland and Mr. Marion Copeland; three cousins, Marzetta Jenkins, Prunella Ingram, and Eva Isaac; three godchildren, Danielle Canada, Keisha White and Billy Ray Johnson; sixteen grandchildren; three great-grands, Little Reggie Jr., King Randy and Salley (both on the way); one brother-in-law; four sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

We all love you but God loved you best, Sleep on mommie you deserve your rest.

The Family

Order of Service

Processional.....Minister Wanda Harden

Solo.....Gary Samuel

Words of Comfort.....Minister Wanda Harden

Prayers

Selection.....Helen Nelson

Acknowledgements.....Felicia White

Remarks (3 minutes)

Obituary.....Bennell Lewis

Song.....Gordon and Candices Francis

Eulogy.....Minister Wanda Harden


Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Mt. Rest Cemetery
Butler, New Jersey



*God saw you were
getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms
around you
And whispered
“Come to Me.”
With tearful eyes we
watched you,
And saw you pass away.
Although we loved
you dearly.
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart
stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts
to prove to us,
He only takes the best.*

Acknowledgement

The family would like to express sincere thanks to everyone for the much kindness and concern you have shown to us during our bereavement. Thanks so much and may God bless you one by one.

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