

Home Going



Shirley Jean Pettiford

Sunrise

July 6, 1931

Sunset

February 27, 2015

Service

Friday, March 6, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

149 Springfield Avenue • Newark, New Jersey
Reverend Dr. David Jefferson, Sr., Officiating

Obituary

Shirley J. Pettiford was born on July 6, 1931 to David Brickhouse and Gladys Lewis in Creswell, North Carolina. After suffering the death of her mother at the age of three, she was adopted by her aunt, Mattie "Bay Pearl" Alexander. She was at home with her family when she departed this life and entered into GLORY on Friday, February 27, 2015.

Shirley was united in matrimony to Roy L. Pettiford in September of 1949 in McKeesport, PA. From this union two boys were born, Vance and Doren Pettiford. They moved to Newark, NJ in 1950 and then on to Parsippany, NJ and Randolph, NJ, before finally making West Orange, NJ and Daytona Beach, FL their home.

Shirley worked various positions throughout her early years of marriage until Pettiford & Pettiford Contractors, Inc. was formed in 1970, where she was the co-owner and administrator. She was a member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church where she volunteered at the Food Pantry. Shirley and Roy were avid world travelers, visiting China, Paris, Australia and England. The two even cruised on the Queen Mary I and II. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Shirley Pettiford will be remembered by: her husband, Roy Pettiford; mother, Mattie "Bay Pearl" Alexander; her son, Doren Pettiford; daughters-in-law, Sharon and Redell; four grandchildren, Doriane, Christopher, Danielle and Jason; two great grandchildren, Jayden Vance and Joshua Michael; four sisters-in-law, Melinda Hudson (Johnnie), Doris Pettiford Bailey, Rochelle Watkins and Joyce Ann William (Doug); special cousins, Jennifer and Mahlon Brickhouse; and a host of other cousins, relatives and friends. Shirley was preceded in death by her son, Vance Pettiford.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 1:1-3

New Testament - II Corinthians 5:5-8

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Selection

Words of Comfort

Eulogy

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey

A Mother's Love

*A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away . . .
It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,
and it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking . . .
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,
and it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems . . .
It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation, and it still remains
a secret like the mysteries of creation . . .
A many splendored miracle man cannot understand and another
wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.*

~Helen Steiner Rice~

Acknowledgements

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all, just prayed for us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts we thank you so much.
May God Bless each of you.*

-The Family

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