

*Homegoing Service  
Celebrating a Life Well Lived*



*Shirley Celestine Crinshaw*

Alpha  
October 27, 1935  
Charlottesville, Virginia

Omega  
May 5, 2015  
Summit, New Jersey

**Service**

Tuesday, May 12, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

**Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church**

1002 Rivington Street

Roselle, New Jersey

*Rev. Gilbert C. Young, Jr., Officiating*

## *Life Reflections*



***Shirley Celestine Crinshaw*** was born on October 27, 1935 in Charlottesville, Virginia, daughter of the late Beatrice Price Winston and William Henry Winston, Sr.

Following her high school graduation, Shirley moved to New Jersey in 1953 to pursue her life-long dream of helping people through Nursing. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Beth Israel Hospital School of Nursing in Boston, Massachusetts and continued her education at Fairleigh Dickenson University in Chatham, New Jersey.

In 1959, she married, Jerry Crenshaw and was blessed with one child.

Her work experience as a Registered Nurse began at Elizabeth General Hospital for several years and transferred to Irvington General Hospital for several years. She then accepted a position as Head of Pediatrics at Union Memorial Hospital where she remained for more than twenty-four years. Still thinking how she could serve and assist, she accepted a position as Director of Welfare for the Borough of Roselle where she remained for more than twenty years.

She was a very committed person, dividing her time among her family, the church and community. Her work within Bethlehem and the community was varied and too numerous to list in its entirety. Activities at Bethlehem include but were not limited to, the Nurses' Ministry, Treasurer of the Pastor's Anniversary Committee for more than twenty years, assisted Rev. Gilbert C. Young, Jr. as Facilitator in the Baptist doctrine training for youth seeking baptism and membership, trained and worked with Junior Ushers, the Repast Committee, the BTU and the Hospitality Ministry. One of her favorite songs was "My Help."

Shirley was a soft spoken and warmhearted person, she never wanted the limelight, but always searched for ways to assist and encourage all to walk closer to God and family. "Mommie," "MaMa," "Momma Shirley" and "Aunt Shirley" as she was lovingly called or just "Miss Shirley" as she was called by many she came into contact with, always sought ways to help any in need. For example, she established the "Toys for Tots" program both in Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church and the Borough of Roselle which brought Christmas gifts to children who would not have any gifts to open.

On Tuesday, May 5, 2015, Shirley departed this life at Overlook Hospital in Summit, New Jersey at the age of seventy-nine.

She was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Gwendolyn Garland Hyman and Councilman Ronald Eugene Hayman.

She leaves to mourn and cherish fond memories: her loving husband, Jerry Crenshaw of Roselle, New Jersey; dear daughter, Karen Crinshaw-Baker (Theodore) of Waldorf, Maryland; devoted sister, Eudora Winston of Roselle, New Jersey; two cherished granddaughters, Ana and Serene Baker of Waldorf, Maryland; niece, Jeanette Higgins (Irving) of Columbia, Maryland; nephew, Ronald Hayman, Jr. (Roberta) of Roselle, New Jersey; god daughter, Tiffany Williams (Lakeem) of Union, New Jersey; cousins, and a host of other relatives, several special friends and many of those she helped who considered her a "blessing" in their lives. Shirley leaves us with a blueprint on quiet dedication and commitment to others.

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith." ~ II Timothy 4:7*

Lovingly submitted,  
The Family

# Order of Service

**Organ Prelude**.....Min. Barry K. Walker, Jr.

**Processional**

**A Parting View**

**Selection** ..... “*My Help*” .....Choir

**Prayer of Comfort**.....Deacon West Coleman

## Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalm 121

New Testament - John 14:1-6

**Selection**.....Choir

**Words of Comfort**.....Deacon George Byrd

## Tribute from the Borough of Roselle

## Acknowledgement of Condolences & Reading of the Obituary

**Selection**.....Choir

**Ministry of Comfort**.....Rev. Gilbert C. Young, Jr.

**Recessional**.....Ministers and Family

### Resting Place

Graceland Memorial Park  
Kenilworth, New Jersey

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## Pallbearers

*Family and friends of Shirley Celestine Crinshaw*



## *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room; why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little, but not too long, and not with your head bowed low,  
Remember the love that we once shared, yes miss me but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take, and each must go alone.

It's all part of the Master's Plan, a step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart, go to that friend we know,  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds;

Miss Me, But Let Me Go.

### *Acknowledgement*

*Thank you for your love and expressions of sympathy. May God bless you.*

*~ The Family*

