

Celebration of Life for

Shirley E. McDonald

Sunrise

March 11, 1937

Sunset

July 7, 2016



Thursday, July 14, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

SERENITY BAPTIST CHURCH

142 North 1st Street
Paterson, New Jersey
Rev. A. Rouse, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Shirley E. (McKay) McDonald was born on March 11, 1937 in Paterson, NJ.

Shirley was born and raised in Paterson, NJ to the late Peter McKay and Pauline (Fisher) McKay. She was the sixth child born of nine and she was the youngest daughter. She was educated in the Paterson public schools system where she graduated from Central High School.

She began her career at Pep Pre-school in Paterson where she served in the capacity of teacher and Director. She later dedicated her life in working for the Paterson schools district where she served as a security guard for over two decades. She worked at Eastside High School and Martin Luther King School. The majority of her years she faithfully worked at Public School #28 where she was lovingly known as Mrs. McDonald. She was more than just a security officer; she went above and beyond her duties in ensuring students were fed and educated. She was often found driving students home, purchasing students birthday, Christmas, and good grade gifts. She was a no nonsense disciplinarian and was well respected by students, parents, and staff. Upon her retirement in 2002, her focus changed from the children of School #28 and switched to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Shirley, loved life. You would find her watching her stories, criminal minds, family feud, playing solitaire on the computer, collecting dolls or shopping. She loved to laugh and she lived her life on her terms all the way to the end.

On July 7, 2016, she entered into eternal life after a long battle with breast cancer.

Shirley leaves her memories with her husband of 55 years Samuel McDonald, her daughter Paula McDonald, seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, one sister Myrtle Buffa of California, one brother Joseph McKay of South Carolina, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, she is pre-deceased by her son Jack R. McKay, four sisters and two brothers.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn.....Scott Cumberbatch

Scripture Readings.....Pastor Howell
Serenity Baptist Church
Paterson, NJ

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor William H. Cash
Life Changing Word Church International
Haledon, NJ

Selection.....Terrance Swain

Words of Comfort.....Pastor William H. Cash
Life Changing Word Church International
Haledon, NJ

Words of Encouragement.....Pastor William H. Cash
Life Changing Word Church International
Haledon, NJ

Acknowledgements.....Min. Keisha Hickman
Life Changing Word Church International

Obituary.....Min. Keisha Hickman
Life Changing Word Church International

Selection.....Life Changing Word Church International
Praise Team

Eulogy.....Elder Sharrieff Bugg

Recessional.....The Family

Entombment.....Laurel Grove Cemetery
Totowa, NJ



The Magic of a Mother's Touch

There's magic in mother's touch,
And sunshine in her smile
There's love in everything she does
To make our lives worthwhile
We can find both love and courage
Just by looking in her eyes
Her laughter is a source of joy,
Her words are warm and wise
There is a kindness and compassion
To be found in her embrace
And we see the light of Heaven
Shining from a mother's face.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

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

May God Bless and Keep You!



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