

In Loving Memory of



Shirley H. Howell

Sunrise

December 11, 1930

Sunset

December 27, 2017

Service

Tuesday, January 2, 2018 - 10:30 AM

St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church

305 N. Broad St. • Elizabeth, NJ

Obituary

Shirley H. Howell was born Shirley Elizabeth Hamilton and was raised in a loving home in Newark, N.J. Shirley, the second of six girls, was born on her sister's 3rd birthday, December 11, 1930. She was preceded in death by her husband Richard R. Howell, her parents Ulah and William Martin Hamilton, and four sisters: Elaine, Carol, Evelyn and Ethel; by brothers-in-law Jack Howell and Cecil Bonds, and her son-in-law, Keith Barnett. She attended Newark Public Schools, Central High Secretarial School and Rutgers University/Newark Night School. Shirley was among the first black women hired into administrative offices of Bell Telephone. She was a secretary at Supermarket Services where she worked her way up to Personnel Director.

While enrolled at Central High Night School, Shirley met the love of her life and the rest is history. Shirley married Dick on June 3rd, 1950 and they raised their family in Newark, Linden and Springfield, NJ. Their homes were always open to friends and family as they hosted parties, social gatherings, family reunions, and annual Thanksgiving dinners which have formed many memories for those who have participated throughout the years. As their girls were growing up, their friends were always welcomed into their home. Shirley often transported the kids to many activities and social events.

Her affiliations included Epiphany Episcopal Church in Orange and St. Augustine's Episcopal Parish which eventually merged to make Saint Elizabeth's Church. She was a founding member of the Linden Scholarship Guild, a group that fought heartily with the Linden Board of Education to secure a much-needed addition onto Elementary School #5. She was a member of The 2nd Saturday Card Club and Club Shea where they enjoyed life-enhancing activities with lifelong friends. She was a dedicated member and support group volunteer facilitator for the Alzheimer's Association of NJ, and was a caregiver for Richard for many years.

She leaves to grieve a sister, Margaret Wilkins, and sister-in-law, Eleanor Howell; her four daughters; Ruth Armstead (Eugene), Marilyn Barnett, Donna Mosley (Cameron) and Lila Singleton (David); two brothers-in-law, Frederick Hatcher and Dorsey Wilkins; twelve grandchildren, Erin Armstead Wright (Kevin), Richard and Eugene Armstead, Elizabeth Barnett, Kathryn Biller (Dale), Damili Gissendanner, Cameron "Nucci" (Evan), Taryn (Joey), Taron and Torez Mosley, David (Claudia) and Alicia Singleton, seventeen great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Order of Service

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn “Marching to Zion – LEVAS 12”

~ Collect ~

Old Testament	Psalm 46, BCP 649
Psalm 23	Hymn
New Testament	Revelations 21:2-7
Hymn	‘Nearer My GOD to Thee’ LEVAS 54
Holy Gospel	Mathews 6:25-34
Acknowledgements of Condolences	Family member
Obituary	Grandchild
Solo	‘I Did It My Way’ Soloist
Dedication from Grandchildren	Grandchild
Sermon	Canon Andy Moore
The Apostles’ Creed	BCP 496
Prayers of the People	BCP 497

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn	‘The Blood Never Loses Its Power’
Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP 361
Sanctus	Hymnal S130
The Lord’s Prayer	
Agnus Dei	Hymnal S164

Holy Communion – All Baptized are welcome to receive

‘In the Garden’	LEVAS 69
Post Communion	Prayer BCP 366
The Commendation	BCP 499
The Committal	BCP 501
‘When We All Get to Heaven’	LEVAS 20

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey

Til Death Do Us Part

Married for 66 wonderfully blessed years

A heart of gold stopped beating;

Two shining eyes at rest;

God broke our hearts to prove to us

He only takes the best.

God knows you had to leave us,

but you didn't go alone;

for part of us went with you,

the day He took you home.

To some you are forgotten,

to others, just part of the past;

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the acts of kindness and love shown to them during their time of sorrow.

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