

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
FOR  
MOTHER SHIRLEY WRIGHT



**Sunrise: January 21, 1945 - Sunset: April 25, 2022**

**Thursday, May 5, 2022**  
**Public Viewing: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Homegoing Celebration of Life: Directly Following the Viewing**

**St. John Baptist Church**  
**4 Henry Street, Inwood, L. I., New York 11096**  
**Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Stanislaus, Pastor - Eulogist**

# Order of Service

- Officiating.....SJBC Clergy
- Processional.....Clergy & Family
- Selection.....Musician
- Scripture Readings:  
Old Testament.....Clergy  
New Testament..... Clergy
- Prayer of Comfort
- Selection.....Brother Anthony Brown
- Remarks: (2 Minutes Please).....Deacon Board, Deaconess Board  
Missionary Board, Mother Board, Trustee Board  
Bible Learning Center (Bible Study), Clergy,  
1 Friend of the Family & 2 Family Members
- Acknowledgement of Cards/Condolences Letter(s)  
Sister TiaJuana Kaye Gardner
- Reading of the Obituary..... Sister Barbara Thompson
- Selection..... Musician
- Eulogy.....Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Stanislaus, Pastor  
St. John Baptist Church, Inwood
- Final Viewing.....Unity Funeral Chapel Staff
- Committal
- Benediction.....Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Stanislaus, Pastor  
(Remain Standing Until Family Has Recessed)
- Recessional

**INTERMENT:**  
Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York

# Obituary

Shirley Ann Wright was born on January 21, 1945 to James Gladden and Priscilla Edwards in Charlotte, North Carolina. Shirley graduated from Franklin K. Lane High School in 1966. Shirley married Fred L. Boston at a young age. From that union came three children, Alfreda Battle (Thomas) Sherrie Johnson (Peter) and Fred L. Boston III. From there she went on to work as a telephone operator at Bell South. She retired as a Coordinator and Supervisor at AT&T. She then met the love of her life, Thomas Alexander Wright. They began their union on June 10, 1976. She loved his three children, Anthony Wright, Annette Wright and Denise Wright who preceded him in death. Shirley's and Thomas' strong union added even more children, Constantina Wright, Angelica Wright, John Wright, Linda Wright and Timothy Boston-Burney. I bet you can tell one of her many loves were children. They also raised a few grandchildren, James Hargrove, Raymond Burney (Juanita), Shaheed Hargrove, Brianna Hargrove and Harmony Cooper.

Shirley loved the Lord and this was exuded in her everyday life. She served as a Deaconess and was ordained at Unity Temple Baptist Church. Shirley kept secret devotion at the house where she taught all of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren how to pray, read the word and to work out your own soul salvation. She became a member of First Baptist Church and served as a Deaconess, Missionary, assisted the Junior and Angel Choir and Tillman Choir, assisted the Sunbeams Junior missionaries, and worked diligently with the food pantry. Helping the youth was her passion and love, but more importantly her Purpose. Shirley also volunteered at RDRC and worked at the Board of Elections.

Shirley then joined the St. John's Baptist Church of Inwood where her Pastor Reverend Gregory K. Stanislaus welcomed her, Thomas and the family with open arms. She was a faithful member and tithing payer. She was an intercessor to whomever needed prayer, wise counsel to anyone who needed help, a friend to the friendless, a mother to the motherless and A Woman of GOD. Through her faithfulness her Pastor installed her as a Mother of the Church. She served with grace and poise and her love is unmatched.

Shirley was a family person. She was the baby of the family and they truly treated her like that. She went to everyone's graduations, award ceremonies, trips and huge milestones in their lives. Shirley was classy, elegant, poised and her style exhibited just that. Shirley had countless awards throughout her lifetime, but she would want her highest recognition to be that she was a Child of the Living GOD her Savior.

Sadly on Monday morning, April 25, 2022, she took off this earthly vessel and put on immortality in an incorruptible vessel. Her Heavenly Father saw fit to open His arms and welcome her into heaven saying, "Well done thy good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." (Matthew 25:21)

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents, James and Priscilla Gladden; sister, Maggie Utley; granddaughter, Fateema Boston. She leaves to cherish her memories: her siblings, Karl Gladden, Samuel Gladden, Kenneth Gladden, James Gladden (Jimmy), and Mary Bailey and John Gladden; her children, Alfreda Battle (Thomas), Sherrie Johnson (Peter), Fred Boston (Trae) III, Constantina Wright, Angelica Wright, John Wright, Timothy Boston-Burney and Linda Wright; dedicated grandchildren, James Hargrove, Teeshona Boston, Raymond Burney, Jestin Boston, Jerrie Floyd-Boston, Harmony Cooper and Shewanda; dedicated great grandchildren, Shaheed Hargrove, Brianna Hargrove, Artise Burney and Shakur Boston; her road partner/sister, Candis McQuiller; and a host of many nieces and nephews, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, family and friends.

## CARRY ME

I can take my test for I have giving you all. All you need I showed you the way. I have given you each a life lesson from whom you serve to whom you are. Sorry I couldn't stay not that I didn't want or that I didn't love you. But My Father in Heaven had brought me to the room he has prepared for me. I am at peace for I know my job here is done. I can sing my song and dance with no more pain. For I am free take my lessons and know that I Love You ALL. My love will carry you all. Carry me in your hearts as I have once carried you in my arms.

Your Loving Granddaughter, Teeshona

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory. For ever and ever.  
Amen

## Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown toward them during this time of bereavement.*

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