

## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't  
lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



## *Acknowledgement*

*Our family would like to express Their appreciation and gratitude  
for the many acts of kindness during this time of bereavement.  
May God bless you all for your concern.*

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## *Shirley Virgil*

Sunrise  
April 8, 1934

Sunset  
July 20, 2022

Service  
Wednesday, August 3, 2022 - 10:00 AM

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# God's Garden

God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place,  
He then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So he closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.



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# Order of Service

**MUSICAL SELECTION**

**PRAYER**

Tracy Taylor

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Lydia Davis

**EULOGY**

Tracy Taylor

*Repast:*

819 Cleveland Avenue, Linden, NJ, 07036





**Shirley Virgil** was born in Newark, NJ on April 8, 1934, the oldest daughter of the late Sally Holmes and Nathaniel Johnson. Shirley was called Bootsy by her family and friends. Shirley was educated in the Newark Public School System.

Our Mother really enjoyed living and she had such a great and infectious laugh. Fiercely loyal, our Mother was loved by her nieces, nephews, cousins, sister-in-laws, her friends and our friends.

Our Mother introduced us to so many things as we were growing up, art of the socializing, dining out, shopping (for good clothes and shoes). Passionate about music, she would dress us up and we would go to the Apollo, our love of music is just one of the many things we inherited from her.

Our Beloved Mother's favorite scripture was the 23rd Psalm,

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul;  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness,  
for his name's sake  
Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death;  
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou prepares a table before me in the presence  
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house  
of the house of the Lord forever.*

Shirley leaves to mourn her passing three daughters, Pamela and Lydia Davis and Tracy Taylor, her grandchildren, Akil, Faheem, Najah and Shereem Taylor and her two great grandsons, Akil Jr. and Elijah. Shirley was preceded in death by her siblings, her Brothers, Nathaniel (Nate) Alvin (Baby), Leon, Edward, Melvin (Malik) and her Sisters, Bernice, Alinda (Linda) and Delores.