

*Celebration Of Life
For*



Shirley Ann Blakeney

Sunrise: May 1, 1956 - Sunset: August 5, 2022

Service

Monday, August 22, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.

HERBERT T. MCCALL FUNERAL HOME

984 Prospect Ave • Bronx, NY 10459

Reverend Milton Gramby, Officiating

Professor Kevin Wade, Organist

Order of Service

Invocation.....Rev. Milton Gramby

Selection..... "Never Would of Made It" by Marvin Sapp

Scripture Reading.....Rev. Milton Gramby

Acknowledgements..... Mecca Blakeney

Selection..... "I Won't Complain" by Rev. Paul Jones

Obituary..... Sherlina Blakeney

Selection..... "Can't Give Up Now" by Mary Mary

Eulogy..... Rev. Milton Gramby

Committal..... Rev. Milton Gramby

Benediction..... Rev. Milton Gramby

RecessionalRev. Milton Gramby

Interment

*Rosehill Memorial Park Cemetery
Putnam, New York*

Obituary

Shirley Ann Blakeney, 66 was born May 1st, 1956 to *Williemae Blakeney and Riley Mason, Sr.* in Brooklyn, New York.

In New York, Shirley attended P.S. 146, P.S 147, and graduated from Walton High School. She worked as a nurse, bus monitor and mother figure, caring for her siblings due to the loss of their parents.

Shirley moved to Charlotte, NC in 1989 where she was employed at Carolina Medical Center (CMC) and Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, (CMS) as a CNA/Home Health Aide while also being a foster mother.

On August 5th, 2022, Shirley was called home to be with the Lord. She was full of life and loved helping others before she helped herself. Shirley had a contagious smile and optimistic view on life. She was that shoulder to cry on and listening ear that was always one call away when you needed her.

In Shirley's free time, she found interest in doing word searches, going shopping and cooking for her family. She enjoyed being on the prayer line, having her great niece, Bailey and great-nephews, Antonio and Qualik as company.

Shirley has gained her wings and joined her late mother, *Williemae Blakeney*; father, *Riley Mason, Sr.*; brother, *Edward Blakeney*; and niece, *Riva Mason*.

Shirley is survived by her children, *Joshua Mason, Ivan Mason, Sr. (Ebony), Ivory Mason, Anthony Mason, Ashley Mason, and Tamika Mason*; siblings, *Mary Burnell (Harold), Frederick Blakeney, Riley Mason, Jr., Wanda De-Souza (Mohammed), Renee Holloway (Melvin), Lisa Blakeney, and Tunya Blakeney-Davis (Chico)*; nieces and nephews, *Camille, Dominick, Edward, Jr., Matthew, ShayQueen, Antonisha, Brandon, Joe, Rayshard, Sherlina, Malik, Valerie, Emanie, Tyrell, Tyreek, and Mecca*; several grandchildren, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends.

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, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've now found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah 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, and 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 and He set me free.*

Acknowledgements

The family of Shirley Blakeney wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the support, prayers, expressions of sympathy and acts of love and kindness during their time of bereavement.

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