



A Letter To Mother

You were smart, funny and strong, You taught me the difference between right and wrong. When it came to life you were very stern. Anytime I fell, you picked me up, and say "what did you learn." You gave me the tools to be a man, and that's when my journey began. It's the playbook of life that we all know, making mistakes as we learn to grow. Sometimes I didn't do what I should, but you stayed by my side like most mothers would. As I grew through life, and developed as a man, our relationship got stronger, and I started to understand. We traveled together, saw many countries and islands as well, and that's when our relationship started to gel. We saw many cultures and how they were living. It made me humble, so that's when I started giving. You always said that education is the best thing you can give, and if you have good common sense you can live. I thank God for you each and every day, because I couldn't have a better mother in anyway. So now that my letter is coming to an end, how do I say goodbye to (MOTHER, MENTOR, PROVIDER, PROTECTOR and BEST FRIEND)? The answer is (I Love You, I Miss You and hopefully when I leave here I will see you again)

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!


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Celebrating THE LIFE OF *Miriam Shelton*

Sunrise
August 12, 1937

Sunset
November 6, 2023



Service

Friday, November 17, 2023 • 7:00 p.m.

Second Baptist Church

378 E Milton Avenue • Rahway, New Jersey 07065

Reflections of Life

Miriam Shelton, the eldest of six children born to the Late Robert Bee and Nancy Shelton, in Beaufort, South Carolina. She departed this life on November 6, 2023 after a brief illness.

Miriam started her Christian journey with her family at Bethel AME Church in New York and later furthered her Sunday Service Worship with Lake Ridge Baptist Church at her place of residence, The Lake Ridge Fellowship House.

She was educated at George Washington High School (Graduated in 1954) and Hunter College (Bachelors Degree). Miriam was gainfully employed initially at B-Altman and left in 1954 when she started working at the New York Postal Service and remained until her retirement in 1984. It should be noted that while working at the Post Office she was voted Shop Steward for the Postal Union and on the front line in negotiating the increase of salaries for all Unionized New York Postal Workers. After retirement, she returned to Beaufort and worked part time at the local high school. While working, Miriam discovered the gift of catering and loved cooking and eating it. Her specialty was seafood, especially crab cakes, her most requested item.

After a few years, Miriam relocated to The Lake Ridge Fellowship house in Woodbridge Virginia to be near her Aunt Elese (deceased). She was warmly welcomed and formed many friendships with the other residents where her hobbies included crochet, playing Bingo, travelling, and visiting with family and friends.

Miriam leaves to cherish her memory her only son Anthony Westbrook and Daughter-in-Law Regina Westbrook, Brothers Joe Bee (NY), Hannibal Bee (SC), Sister Particia Bee (SC) Granddaughter Tashawna Westbrook (NY), one niece, one nephew, two Great Grandsons and a host of cousins and friends. Preceding her death, Steven Shelton, John Bee and Rosetta Bee.



Order of Service

Music..... Deacon Mack Williams

Officiating Rev. David Vaughn

Solo Ms. Candace Kenyatta

Scripture..... Rev Sanfort Garrett

Old Testament: Proverbs 3:5-6

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Prayer of Comfort Min Ruthie Freckleton

Reflections..... Mr. Bret Curtis (Family Friend)

Ms. Lottie Gooding (Cousin)

Mr. Anthony Westbrook (Son)

Acknowledgment/Obituary..... Deacon Larry Young

Solo Ms. Candace Kenyatta

Eulogy Rev. David Vaughn

Blessing of the Food/Benediction..... Rev. David Vaughn

Interment

Graveside service will be held:

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 • 12:00 noon

St. Helena Memorial Gardens

142 Ernest Drive

St. Helena Island, South Carolina