



Shirley A. Preston

April 22, 1942 - May 2, 2020

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Shirley Ann Preston was born on April 22, 1942 in Oakland, Florida to Willie and Corine Wilson Sr. She was the second of five children and raised in a home full of love. Shirley had a nurturing and hospitable spirit. She has always been a caretaker for others. She was the glue that kept her siblings' children and their children's children together.

Shirley attended Orange County Public Schools and graduated from Charles R. Drew High School in 1959. Her friends dubbed her "The Basketball Queen", because she played the sport very well.

She entered the workforce at Sunland Hospital. In 1969, Shirley became employed at Health Central Park, formerly known as West Orange Manor. She had various job titles and advanced to become a Supervisor. On November 30, 2005, she retired after 36 years.

Shirley always had the passion to serve others. Since a little girl, she was a member of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church. She served faithfully and untiringly on several committees including assisting with the Youth Department, Sunshine Choir, Calendar Feast Celebrations, Culinary team on

various projects and events, Bethel Store Cashier, and the Golden Angels. Although sometimes physically unable to attend church, she continued to attempt until her health failed her.

Shirley was an entertainer--she loved to cook and host family gatherings. She would prepare a feast filled with an abundance of love to fuel your soul. She loved to shop. Her first love was to accessorize her jewelry to match all of her clothing. The Rose Garden belongs to God, He decides when a Rose is ready to be plucked. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents: Willie and Corine Wilson, Sr.; son: Craig Wilson, husband: Eugene Preston; siblings: Margaret Wilson, Willie Mae James and Willie (June) Wilson, Jr.

On Saturday May 2, 2020, God dispatched His angels to come and pluck His Beautiful Rose-- our beloved Shirley--from His Garden of Roses here on Earth.

Shirley leaves memories that will forever be cherished by her daughter: Tandrika Harris (Nosakhere), Winter Garden, FL; three grandchildren: Drakkar, Nosharai and Nasiah Harris, Winter Garden, FL; a devoted nephew whom she reared, Dennis Duval (Shera), Orlando, FL; in addition she nurtured and raised five of her sisters' children--Antonio, Stephanie Wilson Rochester, New York. Areluis James (Glenda), Orlando, FL, Juanita Furrow, Wayne James, Rochester New York; one living sister: Viola Smith, Rochester, New York; best friend of 71 years, Elizabeth Turner (Jimmy); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, many sorrowing friends and her Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church family.

Upon the fulfillment of her appointed day on Earth, God summoned Shirley as stated in Mark 4:34, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

Cemetery Details

Winter Garden Cemetery

13636 Lake Butler Blvd.
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
915 East Plant Street
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Service

MAY 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church
1968 Bruton Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32805

Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley A. Preston*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Steen Hunter lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Preston*



Steen Hunter - May 25, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ *Phyllis Jones lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Preston*



Phyllis Jones - May 16, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ *Mrs. Shirley.....you will truly be missed. When we The Harris Family was blessed with Tandrika becoming part of the family, we were also blessed with you because you are a part of her. Your smile, slick talk and truthful talk will truly be missed. Love you for eternity Shirley.* 🧡🕊️



*Sincerely,
Yvette Little*

Yvette Little - May 15, 2020 at 01:34 AM

CM

“ *Charlene Mobley lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Preston*



Charlene Mobley - May 12, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ *Lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Preston*



Lois Morss - May 12, 2020 at 01:32 PM

SB

“ *Ms. Shirley you are truly going to be missed.
Love you*



Sharron Beauford - May 12, 2020 at 12:58 PM

VS

“ When I think of and remember Shirley, I am reminded of my mother, Dorothy Mae Horton Stringer. The first time I met Shirley was in Youngstown, Ohio at the 27th Horton Humphrey Family Reunion. This was the first time meeting my mother’s side of the family. I was shocked when I saw her because she looked so much like my mother; her voice, mannerisms, and kind & gentle spirit were so much like my mom. When my family in Connecticut hosted the reunion in Hartford, as Shirley entered the hotel ballroom, for my immediate family it was as if our mother’s twin had entered the room. Shirley, thank you for how you made me feel every time I had the opportunity to be in your company, special and at home. To Cousin Bobby and family, my prayers are with you all. Love always, Cousin Vincent



Vincent Dion Stringer - May 12, 2020 at 10:28 AM

LW

“ Aunt Shirley, I sit here and smile thinking of the many times I’ve called the house and you’d answer “Hey Tip/Britt” not knowing which one I was because everyone says we sound so much alike. We’d laugh about it and you would ask me what I’m cooking today giving me new recipes to try. We never ended a convo without saying “I love you”. You always told me I did a wonderful job raising Azari, and when Ava was born you called everyone’s phone to check on us. The love you showered us with even through distance will be missed so much. We are truly going to miss your kind spirit and your heart of gold. Love you Brittany, Azari and Ava.



LaBrittany Wilson - May 12, 2020 at 10:25 AM

EM

“ *Deepest sympathy to Shelley Preston and Family from Esther Mack and family from Detroit Dr. Diane Jackson Tania Wynn Karen Bethune. Surely, Cousin, I will truly miss your beautiful smile and your wonderful hospitality.*



Esther Mack - May 12, 2020 at 10:20 AM

RJ

“ *Ruby Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Preston*



ruby jefferson - May 12, 2020 at 09:14 AM

MM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mr. Mack - May 12, 2020 at 09:08 AM

JM

Nice photo

Josh Mack - May 12, 2020 at 09:25 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Preston.*



May 11, 2020 at 10:45 PM



“ *Shirley,
I'm really going to miss you.*



Van Thomas - May 11, 2020 at 09:33 PM



“ *We will All miss Aunt Shirley . Her warm smile, laughter, personality & hospitality. May God comfort us with beautiful personal memories that we All had a privilege to share with her.*
-Smith Family
1 Corinthians 15:42-44



Smith Family - May 11, 2020 at 08:10 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Genet and Larry Hardesty - May 11, 2020 at 07:38 PM

RJ

“ *My beloved sister in law you was a great person you will always have a place in my heart rest in the arms of jesus*

ruby jefferson - May 11, 2020 at 07:11 PM

JM

“ HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE DEBT PAID
SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO:
SHIRLEY PRESTON

*I was walking down life's Highway, a long time ago.
One day I saw a sign that read "Heaven's Grocery Store".
As I got a little closer the door came open wide,
And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.*

*I saw a Host of Angels and they all were standing everywhere.
One handed me a basket and said "My Child, shop with care",
Everything a Christian needed was in that Grocery Store.
And all you couldn't carry, you could come back for more.*

*First, I got some PATIENCE, LOVE was in the same row,
Further down was UNDERSTANDING, you need that everywhere
you go.*

*I got a box or two of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH,
I just couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST, for it was all over the place.
I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE too for me to
run this race,
By then, my basket was getting full, but I remembered, I needed
some GRACE.*

*I didn't forget SALVATION, for SALVATION that was free.
So, I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.
Then, I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill.
For I thought I had everything to do my MASTER'S WILL.*

*As I went up the aisle, I saw PRAYER, and I just had to put that in,
For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run right into SIN.
PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.
SONG and PRAISES were hanging near, so I just helped myself.*

*Then, I said to the ANGELS, now just how much do I owe?
They just smiled and said, just take them everywhere you go.*

*Again, I smiled at them and said, how much do I really owe?
They smiled again and said, "MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL
A LONG TIME AGO".*

Author Unknown

*It is most fitting to imagine Shirley Preston perhaps asking, within
the context of the above question: How much do I owe????*

*The natural and appropriate response to our beloved Shirley
Preston ought to be: Well! In considering all that she has unselfishly
given to help so many individuals and families throughout her entire
life; it is our humble and grateful opinion that Shirley Preston, as we
celebrate and honor her on this home going celebration day; May
12, 2020, she has already PAID her bill and debt in full, with added
gratuity.*

Eternally Grateful,

Josh Mack and Entire Family & Community



Josh Mack - May 11, 2020 at 05:27 PM

DR

“ *Debra Rutland lit a candle in memory of
Shirley A. Preston*



Debra Rutland - May 11, 2020 at 05:26 PM

JM

“ To the family from the Browns Franklins our prayers and thoughts are with you



Jackie Brown Mathis - May 11, 2020 at 01:30 PM

MW

“ Lit a candle in memory of



Mary Williams - May 11, 2020 at 12:59 PM

MW

“ A great friend over the years with a special love for all people. I will miss her dearly.

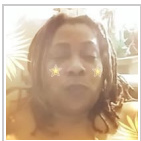
Mary Williams - May 11, 2020 at 12:36 PM

GW

“ A great person with a godlike spirit. Shirley's generosity is unmatched, we will miss her dearly.

George and Deborah Williams

George Williams - May 11, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ Love you Shirley, rest in peace with our family elders. Kerrye Mack and Children.

Kerr'Ye Mack - May 11, 2020 at 11:28 AM

JM

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josh mack - May 11, 2020 at 11:16 AM

CS

“ Shirley was a faithful angel here on Earth for everyone who came in contact with her. She was loving and supportive to all family and friends throughout her life. Shirley's door was always open to our family whenever we came back to Florida and those get togethers we had will be sorely missed. Shirley's smile would light up the room with a special loving glow and now she is sharing that smile with all our relatives in Heaven.

With sincere love, Charles, Rosa, Emily and Lizette Simmons.

Charles Simmons - May 11, 2020 at 12:09 AM

GH

“ Genet And Larry Hardesty lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Preston



Genet and Larry Hardesty - May 10, 2020 at 07:05 PM

MW

Nice

Mary Williams - May 11, 2020 at 02:49 PM

PD

“ Patricia Devose lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Preston



Patricia Devose - May 10, 2020 at 01:50 PM

JM

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I didn't forget SALVATION, for SALVATION that was free.
So, I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.
Then, I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill.
For I thought I had everything to do my MASTERS WILL.
As I went up the aisle, I saw PRAYER, and I just had to put that in.

Josh Mack - May 10, 2020 at 08:19 AM

JM

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josh mack - May 10, 2020 at 08:17 AM

CC

“ Charlie & Diane Coleman lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Preston



Charlie & Diane Coleman - May 09, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley A. Preston.* ”



May 09, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ *Emma Barnes lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Preston* ”



Emma Barnes - May 09, 2020 at 08:29 AM



“ *Our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.”
“Holding you close in my thoughts and hoping you are doing OK.”
Emma, Rod, Kim, Vince, Sonya, Tonya and entire Barnes Family* ”

Emma Barnes - May 09, 2020 at 08:28 AM



“ *Love you from George, Josh, Art, Joe, Harold & Wives purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Shirley A. Preston.* ”



Love you from George, Josh, Art, Joe, Harold & Wives - May 08, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ *Willie Coleman Smith lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Preston*



Willie Coleman Smith - May 07, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy love you Mrs. Shirley*



Beverly Hemingway - May 07, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ *Linda Patterson And Donna Green lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Preston*



Linda Patterson and Donna Green - May 07, 2020 at 02:28 AM



“ *Linda Patterson And Donna Green sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley A. Preston*



Linda Patterson and Donna Green - May 07, 2020 at 02:25 AM

LG

“ *Linda Patterson And Donna Green lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Preston*



Linda Patterson and Donna Green - May 07, 2020 at 02:23 AM

GW

“ *Gwendolyn Clark Williams lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Preston*



Gwendolyn Clark Williams - May 06, 2020 at 06:21 PM



“ *Cover Brown lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Preston*



Cover Brown - May 06, 2020 at 05:16 PM

AC

“ *Hi Family I will always remember her laugh the way she walked her sweet smile and unconditional love she shared with me also the way she called my name when either she called to check on me or when ever we gatherd together as a family as one of the pillars of our family she Will be Greatly Missed Lisha / Minister Alicia Massey*

Alicia Massey/ cousin - May 06, 2020 at 05:11 PM

MJ

“ *Melanie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Preston*



Melanie Johnson - May 06, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ *Lois Morss lit a candle in memory of Shirley A. Preston*



Lois Morss - May 06, 2020 at 11:34 AM