

Life Reflection

Shirley J. Harvin Graves is the daughter of the late Mary (William) Wilson and the late Oliver (Evernell) Wilson. She was raised by her beloved grandparents, the late Lawrence and Bessie Harvin. She was born July 24,1957 in Hemingway, SC. She departed this earth on June 8, 2025.

Shirley was a 1974 graduate of Battery Park High School, Nesmith SC, a 1978 graduate of Shaw University, Raleigh, NC, and a 2010 graduate of Williamsburg Technical College, Kingstree, SC.

Shirley was one of the first black dispatchers at Hemingway Police Department, Hemingway, SC. She was employed with Wellman, Inc, Johnsonville, SC for many years. Later, she became employed with Williamsburg County School District as a substitute teacher, Piggly Wiggly, Johnsonville, SC, Williamsburg County Public Library (Hemingway branch) and Waccamaw EOC (Chavis Early Head Start), Hemingway, SC. She was a hard worker and loved her jobs.

Shirley gave her life to Christ at an early age where she was member of Mt. Carmel AME Church, which is now Mt. Carmel UME Church, Stuckey SC. She was the pastor's secretary, member of the Gospel Choir, BJ Chorale, Trustee and Missionary Board. Shirley was a member of St. Mark Chapter 255 OES (past associate matron), and Mother Advisor of St. Mark Mary B. Thomas Youth Circle Group.

Shirley was a person who always loved to have fun. She loved to sing, read, and play BINGO. She loved her family and friends, and would do anything, for anyone. She spoke her mind, but kept you laughing at the same time.

Shirley was once married to James (Janie) Graham and to this union, son, Jamie Graham was born. She later met and married the love of her life, James "Morris" Graves, Jr. on Nov. 29, 1999. To this union, a son, Keon Graves, was born.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, beloved grandparents, brothers, Cain and George Harvin, sister, Gale Rich and nephew, Terrance Harvin and special friend, Johnny Tanner.

Shirley is survived by her husband, James "Morris" Graves, sons, Jamie Graham and Keon Graves, bonus

daughter, Janet McRae, stepsons, James Graves III, Marcus Graves and stepdaughter, Marquita Graves. One grandson, Lyam Soles (her pride and joy), bonus grandchildren, Jamari, Shinira, Trinity, Taleah, Sencyre, Versai, sisters, Sandra Cooper, Columbia , SC, Rita Steele, Albany, NY, Vivian Wilson, Bronx, NY, brother, Jeffrey Wilson, Bronx, NY, nephews, Derek (Carol) Harvin, Dovic (De"Ella)Harvin, and nieces, Doneice Harvin, Barbara (Terrance), Gloria (Channey) and a host of other nieces and nephews that were close to her heart.

Shirley loved and appreciated Battery Park Class of 1974, her special friends, Suanetta Tisdale, Lillian Murphy, Linda R. Wilson, Cassandra Singletary-Hayward, LaToya Thompson, Chassidy Carolina, Daisy Soles, Fannie Gamble Family, Joann Hugee, Lynette Nelson and the Pink Power Family.

I am Free, I am in Heaven now. This is my story, this my song, praising my savior all the days long. Goodbye everyone and I will see you on the other side.

A Letter to Mom

I don't think anybody can question the Bond that you and I have. I'm devastated that we no longer will be together physically, but I also find peace that your days of suffering are over. I know that I have told you over and over, but I'm going to say it again.....having you as my mother has been the greatest achievement of my life. To my mother, best friend, listening ear and last but not least, my Superwoman, ***I LOVE YOU*** and I want you to get your rest till we meet again.

Your Baby Boy, Keon

A Mother's Love

Though words may fade, her love remains,
A gentle touch, in sun or rains.
Her laughter bright, a guiding light,
A mother's love, both day and night.

Though now she's gone, beyond our sight,
Her love still shines, a beacon bright.
In every heart, her memory stays,
A mother's love, through all the days.

Love, Jamie

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn....*"We Are Often Tossed and Driven"*

Invocation

Scriptures:

Old Testament..... Doward Harvin

New Testament.....Barbara Spann

Solo.....Priscilla Bryson

Reflections: (Limit 3 minutes)

Class Leader.....Dea. Harry Clemons

St. Mark Chapter 255 OES.....

Community.....Joann Hugee

Battery Park Class of 1974.....

Family.....Derek Harvin, Nephew

Selection

Acknowledgements.....Phyllis Verner

Selection

EulogyElder Dr. Ben McClary

Solo.....Stephanie Felton

Recessional/Final Viewing

Committal - Benediction - Interment

Mt. Carmel Universal Church Cemetery
Hemingway, South Carolina



Floral & Pall Bearers

Family & Friends

A Wife's Love, A Heart's Legacy

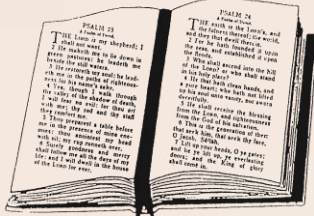
*Her laughter echoes, a sweet refrain,
A memory cherished, through sunshine and rain.
A gentle spirit, a loving hand,
A life of kindness, in this blessed land.*

*Through joys and sorrows, her love was our guide,
A constant companion, always by our side.
Her gentle spirit, a beacon so bright,
Ignited our hearts with everlasting light.*

*She painted our world with colors so bold,
A tapestry woven, a story untold.
Her wisdom and grace, a treasure we hold,
A legacy of love, forever to unfold.*

*Though tears may fall, and hearts may ache,
Her love remains, for goodness sake.
In our hearts she dwells, a star so near,
A wife's love, a memory so clear.*

Love Your Husband, Morris



In Appreciation

We, the family of Shirley J. Harvin Graves, would like to express our love and appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown to us during her passing. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Arrangements Entrusted to
Bartell's Funeral Home
Post Office Box 125
2895 Hemingway Highway
Hemingway, SC 29554
(843) 558-3216 or 558-5849

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*In Loving Memory
of
Shirley J. Harvin Graves*

July 24, 1957 ~ June 8, 2025



Sunday, June 15, 2025 • 1:00 P.M.

***Mt. Carmel Universal Methodist Episcopal Church
484 Mt. Carmel Road • Stuckey Community
Hemingway, SC 29554***

Elder Dr. Ben D. McClary, Pastor