

Pallbearers

Sons and Family

Acknowledgements

The Varnum and Kelley Families would like to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for your many acts of kindness shown during this difficult time of bereavement. Special thanks to the staff of Jackson-McWhorter Funeral Home. May God continue to bless each of you.

Interment

Johnstown Cemetery
M L King Jr. Drive
Commerce, GA

Flower Attendants

Close Friends and Family

In Loving Memory of

Shirley Ann Varnum

(A Celebration of Life)

She danced through life
with laughter bright,
A beacon glowing in the night.
Her heart was wide, her spirit free,
A gift to all who came to see.
With six children, she built her home,
A love so deep, a heart that roamed.
Fourteen grandkids, and great ones too,
Her legacy lives in all of you.
She shared her joy, she shared her smile,
Her warmth and love
would stretch for miles.
The life of every room she'd grace,
Her vibrant spirit, no one could replace.
Through every laugh and every tear,
Her love was constant, always near.
She taught us all the gift of grace,
To live with joy and light, embrace.
Now though she's gone, her light remains,
In every memory, through joy and pains.
Shirley Ann, your love lives on,
A party's just begun—your soul, a song.
You loved so deeply, and we'll keep
Your memory in our hearts, so sweet.
Rest in peace, with angels near,
Your spirit forever will be here.
— With love, your family

Arrangements Entrusted to:

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Celebrating the Life of



Shirley A. Varnum

Sunrise

Sunset

December 20, 1947 - December 14, 2024

Monday,
December 23, 2024
11:00 AM

The Chapel of
Jackson-McWhorter Funeral Home
1253 West Broad Street Athens, GA

Pastor Richard Moss, Eulogist

Obituary

Shirley Ann Reid Varnum was born on December 20, 1947 in Atlanta, GA to the late Reatha Bell King and Raidus G. Thomas. She departed this earthy life on December 14, 2024.

She was employed for many years with the Clarke County School District as a cafeteria worker. She will truly be missed.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Michael Cox; her children, Aretha (James) Kelley, Star (Jermaine Robinson) Varnum, Vicent Varnum, Maurice (Tina) Varnum, Dominique (Allison) Varnum and Xavier (Jade) Varnum; 14 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; and a host of cousins and friends.



Order of Service

Processional

Scripture
Old & New Testament
Pastor Marcus Stroud

Prayer
Pastor Marcus Stroud

Selection
Netta Harper

Reflections
(3 mins please)
Carolyn Adams
Amy Harper
Clarke County Worker

Poem
Tina Varnum

Selection
Netta Harper

Words of Comfort
Pastor Richard Moss

Beloved Reflections
Shirley's Children

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Recessional

