

DID YOU HEAR MY SONG?

By: Sabrina Brookins

*I was here, did you miss me?
Standing tall like a tree in my determination
wearing my courage and strength as a protective shield
Bold, vibrant, beautiful yet complex I was layered*

*I was here, did you see me?
My crown sometimes tilted but always on, my branches holding on to
others, pushing them forward, lifting them up.
Keeping them safe
My leaves brushing the dirt off others, letting them take rest on my
branches, I was helpful*

*Singing my songs from heaven
Allowing my voice to pave new ways and open up doors,
God anointed every octave*

*He poured oil on every note
Sometimes my voice loud and strong
Other times not above a whisper*

*I kept on singing
It was only one of my many gifts, but it was my favorite
I was here could you hear me?
I was here could you feel me?*

*Squeezing you oh so tight in a hug
Placing folded up money in your hands
Calling you early in the morning, asking your plans for the day and if you
wanted a passenger*

*Staying up late nights, interceding for you
Stomping on the devil's head and putting him out at 3am
I was brave*

*I loved you all deeply
I fought hard for your freedom
I covered your children and considered them my own*

*In pain I showed up
Sometimes forgotten, I remembered
I gave freely*

*I poured immensely
I was singing, did you hear my song?*

*This Poem is dedicated to my Auntie Sharon and all the many people
living and thriving with a disability POSSIBILITY!
May your love, compassion, and determination live on forever in the lives
you've touched!*

PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our sincerest thanks to all the people who loved and supported Sharon throughout her life, especially these last few years. Thank you to everyone who has called, texted, and offered food and prayers to our family as we grieve this immense loss. We love and appreciate you, and we feel exceedingly fortunate to have each of you in our lives. Let's continue to love each other well, as Sharon would have wanted.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

REPAST

Greater Hope Ministries Dining Hall
925 Edgewood Ave West | Jacksonville, FL 32208

INTERMENT

Edgewood Cemetery
4519 N. Edgewood Drive | Jacksonville, FL 32219

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SUNRISE
JULY 19, 1963

SUNSET
APRIL 7, 2026

Saturday, April 18, 2026 ~ 11:30 A.M.
Greater Hope Ministries
925 Edgewood Ave West | Jacksonville, Florida 32208
Pastor Bruce E. Cohen, Sr., Officiant

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

SHARON

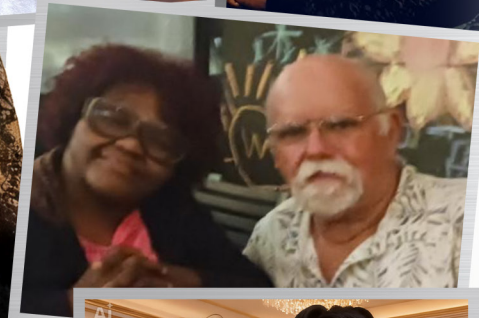
Sharon Bernice Stephens was born July 19, 1963, in Jacksonville, Florida, to Ella Mae Stephens and Eddie Lee Stephens. She attended Duval County Public Schools, graduating from Robert E. Lee High School. She trained as a healthcare professional, working as a nurse technician at Shands Hospital and a health aide in the Duval County Public School system. Sharon was also trained in public speaking, receiving a certificate through Liberty University online. She also received a certification as a financial coach through Dave Ramsey's Peace University.

Sharon was a natural and gifted caregiver. For over 20 years, Sharon served devotedly as the in-home caregiver to beloved local pastor, Bishop Moses Baker and his wife, Lucille Baker, until the end of their lives. Sharon loved her family deeply and had special relationships with her nephews, nieces, grandnephews, and grandnieces, as well as the younger generations. They all relied on her for her loving care and attention.

Sharon was a dedicated member of the Holy Church of the Living God, Inc. She loved attending church and served in any way that was needed. Sharon was a gifted preacher, singer, and songwriter. There was never an occasion or a service where she was not ready with the good news of the gospel and a song. She was our encourager and our songbird.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother and namesake, Bernice; her parents, Eddie Lee and Ella Mae; her older sisters, Muriel and Lauraetta; and her brother, Eddie Lee Stephens, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memory, sisters: Velda Griffin (William, Sr.) and Johnette Stephens; aunt: Lois Styles; uncles: Kenneth Bryant and John Henry Bryant III; her beloved nephews and nieces and their children and grandchildren.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Pastor Alvin J. Baker, Presiding
(New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Lake City, FL)

Processional/Viewing

Solo

Mother Marva Alexander

Scripture(s):

Old Testament
New Testament

Minister Sabrina Brookins
Sister Jacquelyn Griffin

Invocation

Pastor Alvin J. Baker

Solo

Elder Jerome Battle

Reflections- (As a courtesy to the family, please remember the two-minute rule)

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Sister Jacquelyn Griffin

Melodies of Song

Elder Stanley Green

Words of Comfort

Pastor Bruce E. Cohen, Sr.

Recessional

