

THE DAY
God
TOOK YOU
Home

*You never said, "I'm leaving."
You never said, "Good-bye."
You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knew why.
A million times I needed you;
A million times I cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.
In life, I loved you dearly;
In death, I love you still.
In my heart, you hold a place
That no one could ever fill.
It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn't go alone.
Part of me went with you
The day God took you home.*

PALLBEARERS

Family & Friends

FLOWER BEARERS

Classmate & Friends

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are never prepared to face life's darkest hour. During such a time the thoughtful expression of family and friends makes the dawn come quicker, the burdens seem lighter, and the cross more like a crown. Every prayer, visit, phone call, card, monetary contribution, flower, and any other act of kindness shown during the passing of Mrs. Shirlene Josey. May God bless you and may heaven continue to smile upon you, is our sincere prayer.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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IN *Loving*
MEMORY
OF



Mrs. *Shirlene*
SMITH
Josey

SUNRISE

July 14, 1963

SUNSET

June 9, 2026

Friday, June 19, 2026
12:00 PM

Bethel Baptist Church
110 East Pine Street | Vienna, Georgia

Reverend Dr. Thaddaus Laidler, Officiating Minister
Reverend Dr. Bobby G. West, Pastor

Mrs. Shirlene Smith Josey

LIFE'S REFLECTION

A LIFE BEAUTIFULLY LIVED:
Shirlene Smith Josey was born on July 14, 1963, in Vienna, Georgia, to Doris Ann Smith and Bud Smith. She was raised by her mother and grandmother in a close-knit family valuing education and faith.

THE JOURNEY BEGINS:
She was educated in the Dooly County school system. She furthered her education at Georgia Southwestern College (University) in Criminal Justice. Her love for education began at an early age because she assisted others in completing their school assignments for years. She worked at the Tog Shop in Americus, Georgia. She was employed as a secretary at the Americus Police Department and it was her pelasure and joy to serve others.

LOVE WOVEN THROUGH LIFE:
On September 8, 1990, she married Alvin Lynn Josey. She was a loving wife and mother.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Doris Ann Smith Respert; stepfather, Reverend Henry L. Respert; father, Bud Smith; grandmother, Odessa Clark West (Bigma); mother-in-law, Lena Mae Josey; sister, Willene Jones; and daughter, Stephanie Mable.

A LEGACY OF LOVE:
She joined the Bethel Baptist Church at an early age and embraced and lived the scripture John 13:34, "Love one another," because she shared and helped others by sharing a smile, giving, and helping others. As part of her legacy and love for others, she wrote poems and other writings to inspire and uplift them, expressing love and joy.

HER LEGACY LIVES ON:
Shirlene Smith Josey entered into rest on June 9, 2026, and she leaves a legacy of love and cherished memories with her husband, Alvin Josey; son, Sammie Mable, Jr.; daughters, Alicia Josey (Maurice Dunan) and Sonyona Josey (Jarvis Cross) of Americus, GA; stepchildren, Quiana Allen of Americus, GA, and Mecaël McKinnley (Reginald) of Buena Vista, GA; godchild, Brandon Mable of South Carolina; grandchildren, Alquiana Terry, Dorianne Josey, Sa’Miya Smith, Siniya Josey, Charqavius Bonner, Avriona Avriett, Madyyson Johnson, Sammie Mable III, Jamier Cross, Joseph Bonner, Amierykal Bonner, Omarion Bonner, and Matthew Dunan; brother, Reverend Dr. Bobby G. West (Melvilla) of Unadilla, GA; sister-in-law, Amy Edge (Eddie) of Albany, GA; aunt, Betty Fluellen of Stonecrest, GA; nephews, Deonte, Zacchaeus, and Jeremiah of Unadilla, GA; and a host of other relatives and friends to include, Ruth Robertson, Debra Mable, and Sammie Mable, Sr., of Americus, GA.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Reverend Dr. Thaddaus Laidler, Officiating Minister

- Musical Prelude Sister Shannon Leary
- Processional Led by Reverend Dr. Thaddaus Laidler
Bethesda Baptist Church
- The Final Viewing
- The Final Sealing of the Casket
- Prayer of Comfort Reverend Keith Lewis
- Scripture Reading..... Reverend Sherona Towns
- Musical Selection..... Sister Shannon Leary
- Reflections Reverend Sherona Towns
Reverend Keith Lewis
Classmates & Friends
- Words of Comfort Reverend Dr. Marvin Crawford
First Saint Paul AME Church
- Musical Selection..... Sister Shannon Leary
- Eulogy Reverend Dr. Bobby G. West
- Acknowledgements
- Recessional and Postlude

THE COMMITTAL SERVICE

Vienna City Cemetery
Vienna, Georgia

REPAST

Bethel Baptist Church
Vienna, Georgia