

*Celebrating the Life
of*

A portrait of Shirley Duffus Coke, a smiling woman with short, dark, curly hair, wearing a dark jacket over a patterned top. The background behind her is a soft, multi-colored gradient of pink, yellow, and green.

Shirley Duffus Coke

Sunrise
November 7, 1955

Sunset
September 23, 2013

Services

Saturday, October 5, 2013
Ten O'clock A.M.

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163 Oakwood Avenue
Orange, New Jersey 07050
Bishop Marvin Bradshaw, Officiating

Obituary

Shirley V. Duffus Coke was born on November 7, 1955 to Gwendolyn B. Duffus and the late Leebert A. Duffus in Red Hill, Portland, Jamaica. As a child, she would swim in the White River, and climb trees to gather fruits, especially mangoes. She migrated to the United States in 1981. She lived with her daughters Monique D. and Mona M. Mercurius, and Shirlena M. Coke in Irvington NJ for the past 21 years.

Shirley was a Certified Home Health Aide and worked for Medical Innovation in Westfield, NJ, and most recently, Comprehensive Home Care located in South Orange, New Jersey for over 23 years. On December 27, 1997 she married Robert Coke. They have one daughter together, Shirlena M. Coke.

Shirley was one of the founding members of the Buff Bay High Alumni Association, which holds numerous events throughout the year and sends the proceeds to their old high school in Buff Bay, Portland, Jamaica. As the Fundraising Director, she continuously promoted the annual Buff Bay High Alumni Banquet as well as several raffles, fish fry events, and trips to Atlantic City to help further their cause.

Shirley was always vibrant, talking to friends or family, and most known for her dancing. At any event, as long as music was playing, the crowd knew that Shirley would take the floor and entertain them with her dance moves. Although she did not attend church on a regular basis, she read her bible daily and was a very spiritual person.

Shirley leaves to carry on her legacy: three daughters: Monique, Mona, and Shirlena; four stepchildren: Robert Jr. (Kirk), Antoinette (Marie), Angella (Tamar), and Jessica; one granddaughter: Angela; five sisters: Hyacinth, Leila, Carol, Beverly, and Dorothy; seven brothers: Lincoln, Bill, Donald, Vincent, Winston, Cecil, and Michael; one dear friend: Robert; two best friends: Paulette and Ann Marie; thirty-three nieces and nephews and an array of family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional
Clergy & Family

Hymn
“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Scripture Reading
Pastor Allen Jones
Original Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort
Bishop Marvin Bradshaw

Musical Selection
“Amazing Grace” - by Headley Lee

Obituary Reading & Acknowledgements
Monique Mercurius

Remarks/Reflections (2 minutes each):
Patrick Duffus, Horace Bell, Evan Burke, Fernando Senior, Erica
& Keriann Scotland, Marlene Cammock, Jessica Coke

Eulogy
Bishop Marvin Bradshaw

Benediction
Clergy & Family

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey

Repat
Family and friends are invited to partake in the repast at the
Ukrainian Center (140 Prospect Ave Irvington, NJ 07111)

Precious Memories



Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deepest and most sincere thanks to all who shared with them in this time of sorrow.
May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.

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