

In Loving Memory of



Shirley J. Rhodes

Sunrise
October 7, 1939

Sunset
April 3, 2014

Service

Saturday, April 12, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

Peace Temple C.O.G.I.C.

380 Broad Street

Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Javon Allen, Officiating

Obituary

Missionary Shirley J. Rhodes was born on October 7, 1939 in Newberry, South Carolina to the late Mary Alma and Mitchell Glenn. Shirley departed this life on April 3, 2014 after a short period of illness at Beth Israel Hospital, Newark, New Jersey.

She attended primary and high school in Newberry, South Carolina where she met her husband Johnnie J. Rhodes at an early age and was married. They later relocated to Newark, New Jersey where they started their family and joined Peace Temple C.O.G.I.C. holding various positions and leading ministries within the church under the late Reverend Clarence Harrell and Reverend Javon Allen, D.D.

Shirley was President of Missions Department and Usher Board; served as Church Treasure, Sunday School Teacher, Sunshine Band Leader, Board of Trustee Member and Deaconess. She started Missions Around The World in 1996.

She served as a State Cook Staff representing Central New Jersey, Irvington-Newark District for C.O.G.I.C. 3rd Jurisdiction Women's Convention and attended C.O.G.I.C AIM Conventions for Missions.

Shirley exemplified strong passion for children ministries from the home front. She was an Approved Home Provider for Programs for Parents, Inc. in Essex County and 4C's of Union County providing child care services in her home from 2007-2011 and supported children's mission organizations such as Samaritan Purse and Angel Tree. Shirley also supported television evangelism such as TBN in helping to provide a message to people around the world. Shirley fed the homeless from her home on Thanksgiving Day and supported organizations providing food and clothing. She provided monetary love offerings to local churches supporting their vision for the community.

Shirley's advice to people was "Pray To God For What To Do". She prayed daily from home at 6:00 a.m. and noon interceding for others and attended prayer services weekly at her church. Her favorite scripture was Psalm 121. She read her bible EVERY DAY until she was hospitalized on March 3, 2014 then The Bible Was Read To Her.

Shirley was preceded in death by a daughter, Vera Mae; a son, Steven and a granddaughter, Giovona, her parents, Mitchell and Mary Alma, her husband, Johnnie J. Rhodes, Sr. and her son, Johnnie E. Rhodes, Jr. and her brothers, Robert Lee and McArthur.

She leaves to cherish her memory: four sons, Willie (Jacqueline), Patrick (Luwanna), Ronald (Hope) and Rashaan (Mary-fiancee'); one daughter, Damita; one daughter-in-law, Tina; goddaughter, Sheniece Harrell and a godson, Dwain Brown; four sisters, Willie Joann, Rosie Mae (Robert), Patsy (Gene), and Alma; grandsons, Patrick, Jr., Armand, Jonathan Erick, Wesley, Amir and Keenan; six granddaughter, Ayesha, Kimora, Symone, Kendra, Zoe and Sariyahbless; four great granddaughter, Destiny (Dusty), Akira, Aryn and Makiya (Pee Pee); her lifelong, faithful friend, prayer partner and confidant, Sis. Mary Flagg whom we all love and appreciate and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Order of Service

Processional
Family

Selection
Jahleel Allen

Scripture Readings
Synquan Anderson
Old Testament - Ecc. 3:1-8
New Testament - Rev. 21:1-5

Prayer of Comfort
Dec. Dwain Brown

Obituary
Dec. Dwain Brown

Remarks & Reflections
Clergy (Only)

Selection
Jahleel Allen

Eulogy
Rev. Javon Allen D.D
Peace Temple C.O.G.I.C. Newark, NJ

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

He's Sweet

By Damita Lucas

To all I love and who love me,
Let this be a time of growth, change, healing, and unity.

Remember me as a child of God.

Do not mourn but rejoice for me.

Rejoice and love one another unconditionally

As I through Christ loved you.

Jesus knows the life I lived,

Let Him comfort you.

There is one way,

Travel that path without hesitation and delay.

Let Him be your source and strength.

I am happy now because I started my new life.

This reward is great!

The God of Peace will keep your hearts and minds,

He's just that sweet.

May God also be glorified in your life.

Come and meet me at the appointed time.

To God be all the glory and praise,

Hallelujah.

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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