

In Loving Memory of



Shirley Murrell

Sunrise: October 1, 1954
Sunset: February 23, 2016

Service

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

MT. NEBOH BAPTIST CHURCH
1883 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd. • New York, NY

Obituary

Shirley Faye Murrell was born on October 1, 1954 in Trenton, North Carolina to the late James and Marline Murrell.

At a young age Shirley and her family relocated to New York City. She attended New York City public schools and graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School. Shirley always strived for excellence in her life. After graduating from high school, she attended New York University Dental School for Dental Assistants. Diligent and persistent, Shirley worked for D.C. 37 in both the Dental Authorization Department and their private dental office. Then Shirley took her expertise to acquire a position with the New York City Department of Health where she remained until her retirement with over twenty-five years of service.

Accepting Christ at an early age, Shirley united with Abyssinian Baptist Church, Harlem, New York, and in later years transferred her membership to Mount Neboh Baptist Church in Harlem, New York where she remained a loyal member until her health began to fail.

Shirley enjoyed people and most of all her family. She always had family and friends gather at her home and made sure everyone smiled and had a good time. Shirley was very caring and generous and would give all she had if you needed it. Another one of Shirley's passions was fashion. She loved to look her best, always shopping for beautiful clothes and shoes to wear. Shirley always knew how to make a person smile. As a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and cousin, Shirley was very protective of her family as well as a loyal friend. She shared her food, her home, and her heart.

She leaves to love and cherish her memory: her devoted son, Larenzel Manuel; a sister, Patricia Heywood (Eddie) of New Bern, North Carolina; two brothers, Leroy Murrell (Edna) of Pollocksville, North Carolina and Edward Murrell (Dimples) of New Bern, North Carolina; five grandchildren, Shanique Abdur-Razzaaq, Daschzaiy (Shay) Manuel, Larenzel Manuel, Jr., Lovell Manuel and Lovencio Manuel; her beautiful great-granddaughter, Winter, whom she affectionately called "*My Winter Fresh*"; blessed with a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends; and yet graced with a special niece, Arleen Degraffenreid, whom she deeply loved and trusted.

On February 23, 2016, Shirley was called home and given to the care of the Lord. No More Pain and No More Crying. She is now at peace. Reunited with her parents, sisters and brother, and a host of close relatives and friends. Shirley might have suffered with her *heart* but she gave her *heart* to everyone. We will miss her but never forget her.

Your loving family and friends.

Order of Service

ProcessionalMinisters, Official Staff and Family

Hymn of ComfortChoir

Scripture Readings

Old TestamentDr. Michael Payton

New TestamentDr. Michael Payton

Prayer of Comfort..... Minister Gerforne Johnson

SoloSister Joyce Burke

Selection..... Mt. Neboh Combined Choir

Remarks/Reflections

Obituary.....Melrose West

AcknowledgementsSister Sonkeshana Kornegay

Selection..... Mt. Neboh Combined Choir

EulogyRev. Dr. Johnnie M. Green, Jr.

Benediction

Recessional

Interment
Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

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kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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