



In Loving Memory of

Shirley Marie Pugh

September 2, 1947 - August 13, 2026

Service

Monday, August 24, 2026

Viewing: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Service: 6:00 PM

Majority Baptist Church

115-21 Farmers Blvd, Jamaica, NY 11412

Reverend Brain Ware, Officiating

Order of Service

Organ Prelude	Ednor Innocent
Hymn.....	“Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand” Congregation
Scripture	
Psalms 23:1-6	Joshua Alert-Pugh
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Casius Pugh
Prayer of Comfort	Stacey Bond-Elie
Reflections & Tributes	Shamika Pugh
Acknowledgment of Cards and Resolution	Ada Kamara
Reading of Obituary	Zarieya Pugh
Choir Selection	
“His Eye is on The Sparrow”	Carmen Jean
“Amazing Grace”	Stephanie Perry
Eulogy	Brain Ware
Recessional	

Interment

Hillcrest Cemetery
North Carolina



Precious Memories

Obituary

Shirley Marie Pugh, also affectionately known as “Shirie,” which combines her first and middle name. She was a golden light to all who had the privilege of knowing her. She was born on September 2, 1947 in Edgecomb County, Tarboro, North Carolina, to Charlie Harrison and Maggie Bridges Harrison, who were sharecroppers.

Shirley was a quiet girl who grew into a remarkable woman with a great and everlasting voice. She had a natural gift for encouraging and advising others, always offering words of wisdom, comfort, and support. She was also incredibly creative and talented. She enjoyed drawing, crocheting, sewing, baking, and cooking. This past Christmas she gave gifts of crochet hats, scarves and shells to her children, and grandchildren. Shirley especially loved listening to the timeless sounds of Motown.

In 1966, Shirley graduated from Phillips High School and came to New York a few years later to begin a new journey. In 1975, Shirley met her beloved husband, Julius Emitt Pugh, while completing the physical examination for the NYPD Transit Police. Although she successfully passed and was given the opportunity to become a New York City Transit Police Officer, she ultimately chose to pursue other employment. Shirley and Julius married on March 27, 1975. Together, they built a loving family and welcomed four children.

Shirley's love and nurturing extended far beyond just her children. She devoted herself wholeheartedly to her children and took great pride in supporting her seven grandchildren: Latrell, Zariya, Carmen, Joshua, Cassius, Prezdent, and Ciara. Her family was her greatest joy, and she consistently made their needs and well-being a priority.

Shirley spent much of her professional life in the communications field, working as a telephone operator for Bell Atlantic, which later became NYNEX and is now known as Verizon. Through her work and throughout her life, Shirley demonstrated dedication, compassion, and a strong commitment to those around her. She was also deeply committed to her community and instilled the values of service, compassion, and dedication in her children, values that are reflected in the careers they have chosen.

Shirley joined Majority Baptist Church as a candidate for baptism on December 6, 2015. She was baptized on Friday, March 4, 2016, and received the Right Hand of Fellowship on Sunday, March 6, 2016, under the leadership of Reverend Darryl Frazier, Pastor. Shirley was a devoted supporter of her church, its pastor, and the surrounding community. She believed in giving back and generously provided both financial and personal support to her church family.

Shirley was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Charlie and Maggie Harrison, and her youngest child, Charlie Pugh. She leaves many to cherish her memory including; her devoted husband, Julius Emitt Pugh; her children, Shamika Pugh, retired NYPD Sergeant; Julius Pugh Jr., MTA STAO Bus Operator, and his wife, Jasmine; and Tyeisha Hanna, FDNY Firefighter, and her husband, Daniel. She also leaves her seven cherished grandchildren, Latrell, Zariya, Carmen, Joshua, Cassius, Prezdent, and Ciara; her siblings, Betty Harrison and Willie Harrison; sisters-in-law Emma Smallwood and Lillie Bond; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, friends, and loved ones.

Shirley Marie Pugh leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, creativity, service, and unwavering devotion to her family and community. Her voice, wisdom, laughter, and loving spirit will remain in the hearts of all who knew her. Though she is no longer with us in body, the golden light that was Shirley “Shirie” Pugh will continue to shine through the lives of the many people she loved, encouraged, supported, and inspired.

May she rest peacefully and forever in the loving arms of God.



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

Repass

*The family invites you to join them for the repass
immediately following the service at:*

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Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

May God Bless and Keep You!

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