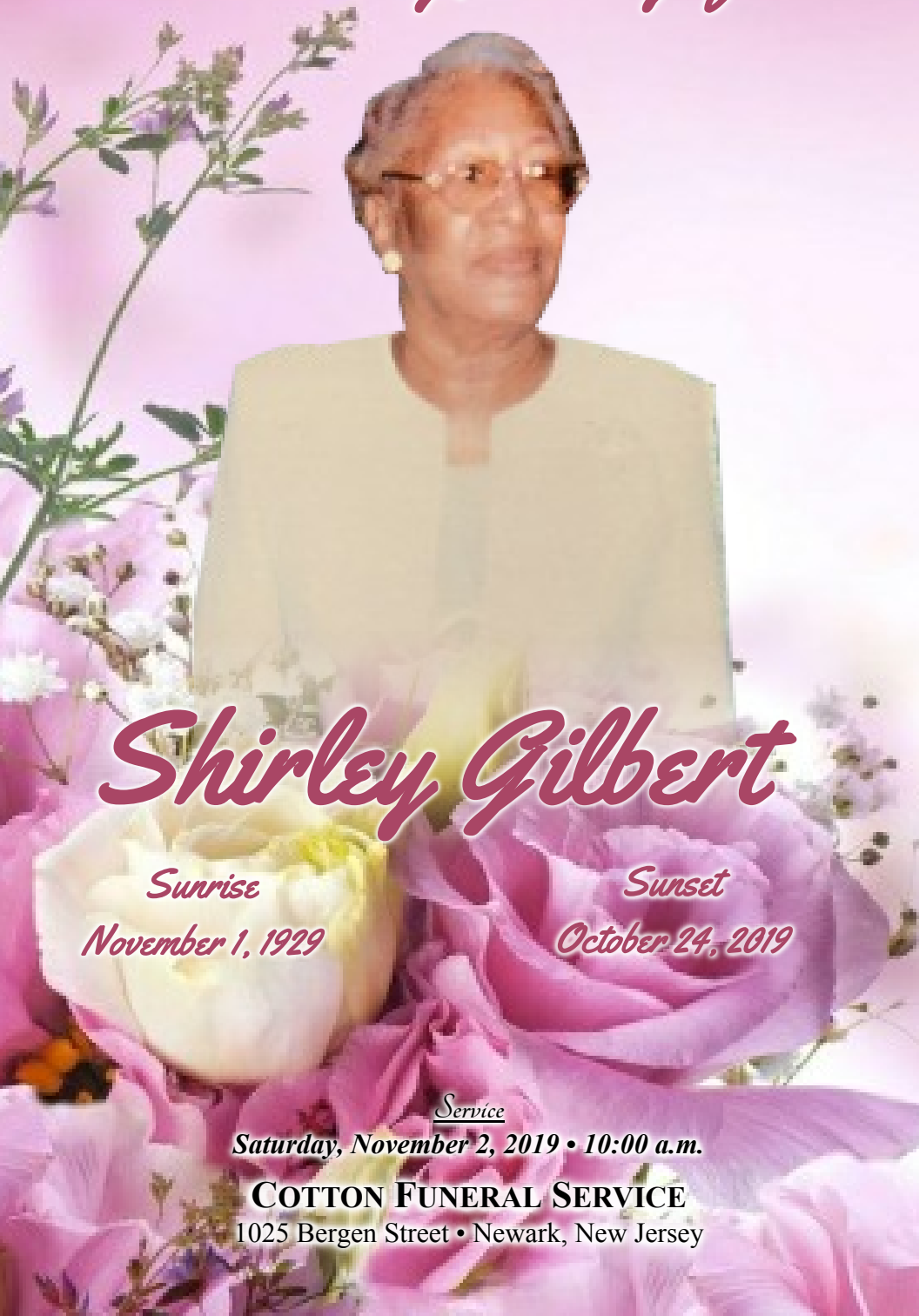


*In Loving Memory of*



*Shirley Gilbert*

*Sunrise*

*November 1, 1929*

*Sunset*

*October 24, 2019*

*Service*

*Saturday, November 2, 2019 • 10:00 a.m.*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

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# *Order of Service*

**Musical Prelude**

**Processional**

**Scripture Readings:**

Old and New Testaments

Chanelle Adams and Natacha Andrews

**Prayer**

Deborah Williams

**Selection**

Felicia Moss

**Obituary and Acknowledgements**

Frances Dudley

**Poem**

Alicia Jacobs Tucker

**Reflections**

(limited to 2 minutes per person)

**Selection**

Felicia Moss

**Eulogy/Benediction**

James R. Andrews, II

**Recessional**

**INTERMENT**

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey

*Immediately following services please join us for a  
repast at Society Hill Clubhouse  
Cornerstone Lane • Newark, New Jersey*

# Obituary

Today, we celebrate Shirley (Tunie) Jacobs Gilbert who transitioned from labor to reward on October 24, 2019 in Orlando, Florida. Born on November 1, 1929 from the union of her parents Alvin Sr. and Ella Louise (Brown) Jacobs, Shirley began her life's journey in Bishopville, SC.

In 1943, Shirley relocated to Newark, NJ with her mother (deceased), stepfather, James Wilson (deceased), brother, Alvin (Bubba, deceased), and sister, Lois. She received her education within the Newark public schools' system and at Essex County College where she received an associate's degree in Nursing.

Shirley was a real go-getter and began working at an early age at Western Electric Co. in Newark. She later worked at various dry cleaners as a presser before becoming employed by University Hospital as a pediatric nursing assistant. She loved her work and was a diligent employee.

A woman of strong faith in God and deep conviction to Christian principles, Shirley joined Welcome Baptist Church during its early formative years. She later joined Deliverance Temple before joining St. James AME Church while still maintaining a close connection to Welcome Baptist Church. In 2006, after moving to Orlando, Florida, she joined River of Life Church where she served on the Mother's Board, as a missionary and in other ministries as needed.

Shirley loved watching old western movies, attending family functions, and working in the Outreach and Mother's church ministries. Ever seeking a closer relationship with the Lord, she was inspired to pursue studies in formal Christian education and received a Bachelor of Theology degree from Jameson Christian College. Highly talented and creative, Shirley transformed her hobby of creating designs for greeting cards, decorative fans, and cups into a home business. She had a keen eye for stylish fashion and home decorating and often received compliments for both these talents. Shirley was a great cook and often gathered her family to her home to enjoy a scrumptious meal.

Shirley loved her family very much and always had words of encouragement and prayers to share with them and her friends. She will be fondly remembered for her warmth, laughter and favorite phrase "plead the blood of Jesus to cover you". She was preceded in death by three sons, Jeffrey, Duane and Kevin. She leaves four children to cherish her memories, Ella Charisse Montgomery, Dane, Tracey and Mitzii, sister-Lois Allen, 19 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, 9 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

## *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.  
od 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*

The Gilbert Family wishes to express their appreciation to all who shared words of kindness, prayers and condolences during our time of bereavement. Acknowledgements will be sent at a later date.

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