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OF



Shirley Bell

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A Reflection of Her Life



Shirley Bell departed this life on Sunday May 1, 2022, with daughter Shariah by her side. Shirley was born on February 2, 1966 in Newark, New Jersey.

She graduated from Weequahic High School, attended Essex County College and earned an accredited degree in Theology - while still a teenager - from Bethel Bible Institute in Queens, New York. She flourished and rose the ranks in any field, whether it be retail, the music industry, college admissions and most recently, real estate home sales. Shirley especially excelled in the music industry. Shirley's career path began in the music industry! She spent over 10 years as a valued professional with Flavor Unit Entertainment which originally launched in Jersey City, New Jersey before the companies relocation to Miami Florida.

During Shirley's early professional career path she was catapulted as the Head of A&R to prominent platinum musical recording artist that climbed the Billboard charts. The Platinum Artist included Apache, Monica, Naughty By Nature and most

notably Queen Latifah! After many years of Shirley's success in expanding Flavor Unit Entertainment growth, Shirley sought Entrepreneurship in the music business and SB Entertainment was founded exclusively by Shirley during the late 1998-2000 years. Shirley strategically launched and managed the musical solo careers of CoKo formally lead singer of the R&B vocal trio group Sisters With Voices, SWV. She later was instrumental in managing the solo career of Faith Evans Wife of The Notorious B.I.G., Biggie Smalls.

Despite her professional expansion and success in the entertainment industry, Shirley changed her professional path and pursued a new path in the education realm. After serving as an assistant director at Gibbs Business school Shirley accepted a great opportunity to serve as the Director of Admissions at Eastern International College at Belleville and Jersey City Locations.

Shirley became a Christian during her early childhood. Her mother ensured her children attendance in Sunday school and church weekly. She attended and was a member of Soul-Saving Station, Ebenezer Gospel Tabernacle, Genesis Temple COGIC and Emmanuel A.M.E. She had a calling and prophesied the Word as told and guest-preached in various Houses of God when asked. An amazing friend, cousin, niece, aunt and sister, honoring her mother and father came second only to raising her children in the way they should go. Her loyalty to her children and those she loved came first.

Shariah and Jonathan were always her true loves. She referred warmly to her daughter as "Ria". They shared a mother daughter bond simply unmatched. Jonathan was affectionately called "Suge" by his mother. Together, they shared a love and passion for good music. They would listen to various types of music together and encourage "Suge" to follow his musical passion.

Shirley and Leo were inseparable. Shirley loved her pet as much as Leo loved her. Leo was very protective of Shirley. throughout there long daily walks around the neighborhood they met many pet friends and foe. But Shirley always reminded Leo to be nice especially to dogs multiple times his size.

The Lord made Shirley stunning, yet with no conceit. The Lord made her intelligent, yet with no condescension. The Lord made her stylish, with no one feeling insecure. The Lord made her classy, with none feeling less-than. The Lord made her counsel for many, yet with no judgment. The Lord made her generous, with no expectations of return. Most importantly, however, the Lord made her ours, but only for this season. Let us thank Him for the time we had with her, and pray that He comforts our breaking hearts.

Shirley leaves to cherish her memory in her children, Shariah Mack, Newark, NJ, Jonathan Luton, West Orange, NJ, Sabriyya Ford, Newark, NJ and Leo, West Orange, NJ. Siblings Malinda Berry, (Ronald Sr.) Newark, NJ, Anthony Johnson, (Harriet) Woodbridge, VA, Lynette Box, East Orange, NJ, Lee Bell, South Orange, NJ, Marilyn Crawford, (Wendell) Par/Troy Hills, NJ, Sharon Bell, Springfield, NJ, Ricky Bell, (Levita) Orange, NJ, Earline Bell, East Orange, NJ and Lashonda Rodgers, Newark, NJ; Godson Jesse Ponce Pringle, dear friend Sheila Young and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews (All of whom she loved as her own) and friends.

Shirley was predeceased by her parents Leo and Thelma Bell, and Godbrother Kelvin Kitt and Godmother Shirley Kitt, nephew Ahi Raschke, Furqan Raschke and Sahir Minate, and aunt Helen Mays

Shirley, we will always love and remember you.

Order of Service

Presiding Rev. Walter Mays

Processional

Invocation

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Dr. Mary White Williams

Solo Jesse Ponce Pringle

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Minister James Hurdle

New Testament Pastor Rosa Pearl Starr

Acknowledgements/Cards Brenda Timley

Reflections (Limit 1 - 2minutes)

Presentation (3 - 4 minutes)

Obituary Jadette Williams

Solo Andre Witcher

Eulogy Pastor Walter Dukes

Remarks Bernice Holloway

Recessional Family & Friends

Interment

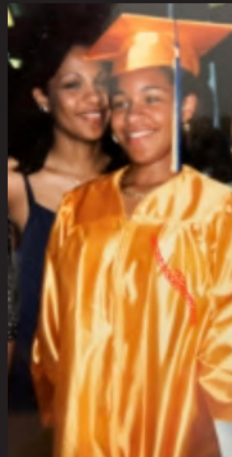
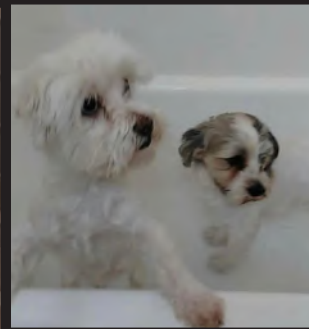
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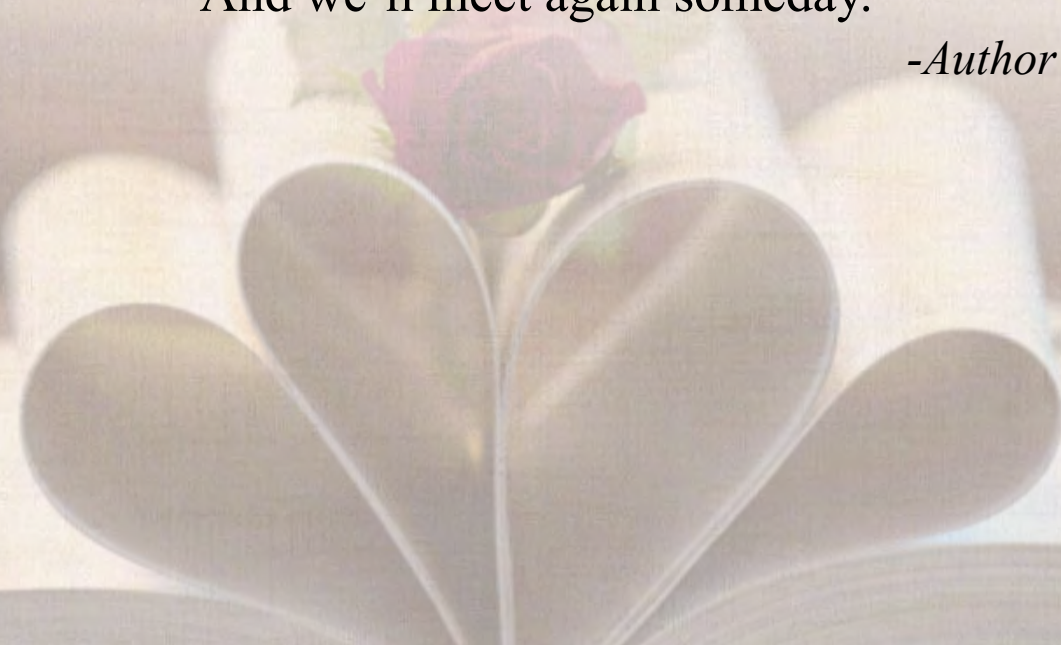




The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me.
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy.
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you My loved ones,
oh so dear, But, you see, the Master called me And,
now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say,
Just stay in the hands of Jesus,
And we'll meet again someday.

-Author unknown



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

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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