



Celebrating The Life of
Shirley Ann Edwards

Sunrise:
June 19th 1944

Sunset:
December 28th 2022

Friday, January 6th, 2023
Viewing: 9am-11am ~ Service: 11am

St Paul Sounds of Praise

587 18th Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07103

Honorable Bishop Timothy & Lady Venus Griffin
Rev. Tillman and Dorothy Purvis, Officiating

Obituary

Shirley Ann Edwards, daughter of the late Annie Mae Rhinehart and Herman Neal was born on June 19th, 1944 in Newark, New Jersey. She received her education at Morton Street School and Central High School in Newark, NJ.

Shirley was employed as a teacher aid at South 17th Street school from 1974-1979. She later worked at Chrill Care Inc, as a certified Home Health Aide prior to her retirement due to her disability.

Since then, Shirley has dedicated and committed her life to ensuring that her family and extended family members were raised in a welcoming, loving and caring home. In 2008, she was recognized for her contribution to providing child care services by Programs for Parents in their monthly newsletter. She enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and other family members. Shirley is best known for her ability to cook up some of the most heartwarming meals and her stylish dressing sense. She enjoyed dancing and listening to her music.

Sadly, on December 28th, 2022 she entered eternal rest at Saint Michaels Medical Center with her granddaughter at her side.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents Annie Mae Rhinehart and Herman Neal, one son Donald Handy, brother Julius Gant, sister Lula Mae Cuff, sister-in-law Shirley Simmons, God-mother Thelma Everett and special friend/sister Betty Coleman.

She leaves to cherish her memory her sister Veda Cappard, four daughters: Miranda Neal, Tonya Robinson (Thomas), Nadine Collins and Laverne Neal, two sons: Ralph Handy and Dwight Handy (Zenola) grandchildren Tasha Neal-Hurd (Taron), Lavonyah McLaurin and Muraad McLaurin, great grandchildren Quamir Hurd, Muraad McLaurin Jr., Tamir Hurd, Levi McLaurin, Autumn Hurd and a host of other grands, great grands, nieces, nephews and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Corlette Ruffin
Processional.....Clergy & Family
Opening Hymn.....Corlette Ruffin
Scripture Readings.....Rev. Tillman Purvis | Dorothy Purvis
 Old Testament
 New Testament
Prayer of comfort.....Rev. Tillman Purvis | Dorothy Purvis
Solo.....Lorne Rawls
Acknowledgements and Obituary....Patrice Halyer | Laticia Watson
Reflections\Tributes (*2 minutes please*)
Solo.....Lorne Rawls
Eulogy.....Rev. Tillman Purvis | Dorothy Purvis
Recessional.....Cotton Funeral Home
Benediction, Committal and Interment.....Hollywood Cemetery

Repast

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A Mother's Honor

A mother, clothed with strength and dignity

A mother, that speaks wisdom and encouragement from her tongue

A mother, that stayed at the bedside of her children, and nursed every little wound

A mother, that taught her children lessons that made them who they are today

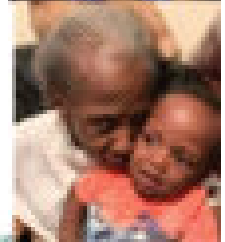
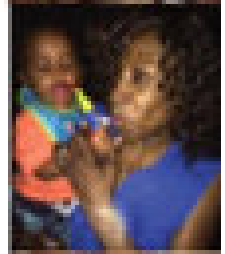
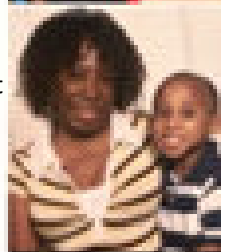
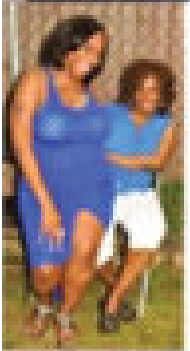
A mother, that is always right there, through all life changing moments

A mother, that went without to keep her children happy and growing healthy

Sharing unconditional love whether they are big or small

A mother's love that is so strong and pure is what helped this family grow

Shirley Ann Edwards you're the true definition of a mother
Honor her for all that her hands have done











Remember Me

My family, I hope to see you again
For it will never be good-bye
Where this journey ends another one will begin
Don't let me hear of you shedding any tears
For my work here is complete
Take care of each other as I have taught you all those years
And when I cross your mind
Remember me as a ray of sunshine on a sunny day
That lifted you up or helped you along your way
Remember me as a flower in the spring,
Remember me in the dancing and the songs that you sing
In this life I have no regrets
And all the good times we shared I hope you don't forget
I hope our time together lifted you higher and left you inspired
Remember Me

Pallbearers

Chad Green- Charles McLaurin-Rakeem Gourdine-Shuquan Davis-
Taron Hurd-Terrell Gant-Quamir Hurd

Flower Bearers

Muraad McLaurin Jr – Tamir Hurd

Acknowledgement

The family of **Shirley Edwards** acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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