

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Shirley McKinley*

**SUNRISE: June 11, 1948 - SUNSET: February 28, 2024**

**Thursday, March 7, 2024**

**Viewing: 9am - 10am**

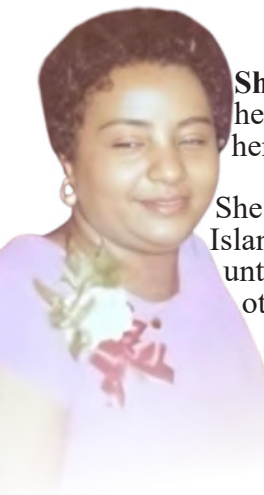
**Funeral: 10am**

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# Obituary

*To our dear mother, grandmother, and friend.*



**Shirley McKinley** was born on June 11, 1948, and raised here in Harlem, New York, by her mother, Letty Jones and her father, Tully Jones. She was the youngest out of five.

She worked at Manhattan Psychiatric Center on Wards Island as a psychiatric nurse. She was a nurse for 30 years until she retired. That's where she grew a love for helping others.

Shirley knew exactly what to say to bring your spirits high. She was a mother and a father. She would always listen when you needed a shoulder to cry on and gave the best advice. Education was always so important to her and she made sure to let you know it. She was a truly loving person inside and out.

Shirley was someone we all looked up to. She was a woman of strength and kindness. The most selfless person we know. Shirley was a big hearted person and had the personality that made her a people's person.

She loved spending money, shopping, and definitely getting new pocketbooks. She was the light, the love, and the glue that kept everything and everyone together. If nothing mattered, family mattered! Family was important to her.

Shirley departed this life on February 28, 2024. She lived to see 75 years old. She was a hell of a fighter. She has gone to join her parents.

She leaves to cherish her fond memories to: her older brother, Curtis Tully Jones; her five children, Tracy Jones, Cheryl Jones, Michael Berkeley, Frederick McKinley, and Keisha Watson Tucker; eight grandchildren, Kevin McKinley, "The Twins" Brandon & Brianna Wright, Tapri Berkeley, Michael Berkeley, Jr., Jasmarie McKinley, Kimora McKinley, and Austin Tucker; and a host of other children, godchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

As our hearts ache in pain we all love and miss you dearly. It rained the night she left. She's peaceful now. It's time we let God take care of her. You are no longer in pain. We love you Shirley. Gone but never forgotten.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

## *Interment*

Mt. Rest Cemetery  
Butler, New Jersey



# THE BROKEN CHAIN

**We little knew that morning  
that God was going to call your name.**

**In life we loved you dearly,  
in death we do the same.**

**It broke our hearts to lose you,  
you did not go alone;**

**for part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.**

**You left us peaceful memories,  
your love is still our guide;**

**and though we cannot see you,  
you are always at our side.**

**Our family chain is broken,  
and nothing seems the same;**

**but as God calls us one by one,  
the chain will link again.**

## *Acknowledgement*

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

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