



Shirley Selena Jackson

August 25, 1936 - December 21, 2022

JOURNEY OF LIFE

Shirley Selena Jackson, at the age of eighty-six (86), transitioned peacefully to eternal glory to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at her residence in Cambridge, MD. Shirley was born on August 25, 1936 to the late Elsie and Gaither Jackson, Sr and the family later moved to Vienna, MD. “Momma Shirley” as she was affectionately called by her family and “Ms. Dorchester County” by the community.

Shirley was raised on a farm with her sisters and brothers. Shirley attended the Vienna Elementary School, Frederick Douglas St. Clair High School, and graduated from Maces Lane High School in 1954. On December 27, 1958, Shirley gave birth to the joy of her heart, Deborah Renee Jackson affectionately known as “Debbie.”

Shirley obtained employment at the Eastern Shore State Psychiatric Facility in Cambridge, MD until her retirement after 30-years of service in 1995. After retiring from the hospital, she was asked to work with the senior program for Delmarva Community Service as the coordinator. She worked at the Senior Center in Hurlock for nearly 20-years, until she finally retired in 2017.

Shirley was truly an angelic servant of God. She always had the faith and

belief in the goodness of people. Shirley was a long-time, active member of Waugh Chapel United Methodist Church in Cambridge, MD. Shirley was compassionate to her church congregation in many ways. She served as secretary for more than 30-years and donated her time, talents, and resources. Shirley help improved the lives of many people in the Dorchester County community.

Shirley kept in touch with her high school classmates of 1954 and served on the reunion committee for many years. In recent years, Shirley became a Trustee on the Nanticoke Historic Preservation Alliance Organization (Handsell), the Harriet Tubman Museum and Educational Center, Coastal Hospice, the Veterans Recognition Committee, the League of Women Voters, Hot Meals Ministry, and Project Head Start.

Shirley has received numerous awards and community acknowledgements including the 2018 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Award, the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Award, and Governor William Donald Schaefer Dorchester County's Most Beautiful People Award. Senator Barbara Mikulski stated, "Dorchester County was a happier community as a result of Shirley Jackson volunteerism." Shirley was a Silver Life Member of the NAACP.

"Momma Shirley" was known for her wisdom, kind, and unique personality, along with her passion for history. She believed in giving back and loved supporting the Waugh Chapel United Methodist Church Food Mission. "Momma Shirley" was truly a woman after God's heart.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Elsie and Gaither Jackson, Sr. and brothers, William Farrare, Charles Jackson, and Gaither Jackson, Jr.

Momma Shirley was devoted to her family. She never said no to anyone. She was loved by so many and will be sorely missed.

She leaves to cherish fond and loving memories: her daughter, Deborah Murphy and son-in-love, Patrick of Baltimore, MD; grandson, Frederick Battle, Jr. of Dallas, TX; granddaughter, Kiara Wiggins (Windell) of Parkville, MD; brother, Russell Jackson (Linda) of Tucson, AZ; sisters, Elsie Elois Lester of Eagle River, AK, Ethel Young of Baltimore, MD and Lillian Morris of Sewell, NJ and sisters-in-love, Theresa Jackson of Brandywine, MD and Annette Jackson of Rocky Mount, NC. She also leaves six great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Lovingly Submitted ~ The Family

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Waugh Chapel United Methodist Church
425 High Street
Cambridge, , MD 21613

Funeral Service

DEC 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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425 High Street
Cambridge, , MD 21613

Tribute Wall

EP

“ *Elaine Palmer-McGill lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson* ”



Elaine Palmer-McGill - October 30, 2023 at 08:54 PM

MS

“ Dear Friends.....my name is Shirley Lane Still and your Loved one, Shirley Jackson was a dear friend from the past. After sixteen years working at the Peninsula-Delaware Conference Center here in Dover, I retired and accepted a position as Secretary for the Barratt's Chapel Fund Raiser. During this time, I met Shirley when she attended meetings at Barratt's each month. We started having Special Services for Farmers, etc. on Sundays each month, so I tried to fit into my environment by making a Colonial Dress & Headdress. When Shirley saw me dressed like a "person of the past," she decided to help me out by having another outfit made for herself and assist me in welcoming the groups who attended the services. She made my days much brighter and we acted like a couple of school girls giggling when the wind whipped at our long full skirts. There was one day when the wind was so wild, I was afraid someone inside the chapel would think it was Mary Poppins flying over the cemetery! Shirley and I hugged whenever we saw each other for we sincerely felt connected in many ways! After my four years at Barratt's, we didn't get to see each other very often with her in Cambridge and myself in Dover, but whenever we did run into each other at Barratt's or elsewhere, it was seeing a dear friend and enjoyed the moments!!! I was not aware of her passing until just recently. I'm so sorry, but please feel certain that your Loved One is in Heaven "helping in every way possible".....just as she did here on earth!!! May God Bless Her Soul!!!!

Mrs. Shirley L. Still - September 03, 2023 at 05:12 PM

RR

“ 1 file added to the album Handsell



Ruth Robinson - January 13, 2023 at 09:22 PM

RR

“ *The news of the loss of our dear Shirley is so earth-shattering. She was such a loving soul. Someone so giving in so many ways, to so many people will surely be missed. But as I mourn her death, I remind myself that she did not abandon us; instead, she completed her God-inspired mission here on earth, leaving behind enormous footprints to inspire, comfort and guide us. May she rest in eternal peace.*



Ruth Robinson - January 07, 2023 at 12:58 AM

RR

“ *3 files added to the album Eastern Shore Folk Festival - March 19, 2016*



Ruth Robinson - January 02, 2023 at 11:37 PM

GF

“ *Germaine Farrare lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson*



Germaine Farrare - January 01, 2023 at 05:28 PM

GF

“ *Condolences to the family very sweet lady*

Germaine Farrare - January 01, 2023 at 05:26 PM

PS

“ *Peter H. Singleton lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson*



Peter H. Singleton - January 01, 2023 at 12:40 PM

CC

“ *Carlene P Carter lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson*



Carlene P Carter - December 31, 2022 at 10:57 AM

BM

“ *As president of the board for Nanticoke Historical Preservation Alliance, or “Handsell,” Miss Shirley was a teller of great truths, our guiding light, our North Star. We are heartbroken. As a mentor and a great friend, she is irreplaceable. We will do our best to honor her spirit in all that we do.*

Betsy Malkus - December 31, 2022 at 10:15 AM

RM

“ *Rev. Gary & Fonda Meekins lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson*



Rev. Gary & Fonda Meekins - December 31, 2022 at 09:47 AM

RJ

“ Shirley was a pillar in our community. She touched the life of so many people. She will live on forever in our hearts.



Rev . Linda Jones - December 31, 2022 at 09:45 AM

CD

“ Shirley you were a true friend to my mother, Dollye Altfather, for many years as well as her three children Dick, Connie and Peggy. Whatever mother ask of you you did with pleasure and when my mother passed you were not forgotten. I will always treasure the times we worked together at ESHC. Prayers to you daughter and to all who loved you. I am sure my mother will greet you on your journey .❤️

Connie Dennis - December 31, 2022 at 09:19 AM

SG

“ Shelly Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson



Shelly Gibbs - December 31, 2022 at 01:21 AM

AA

“ Miss Shirley is truly a woman of God she would attend All most ever woman pray breakfast she represented her church will in in thing that she was in rest on beautiful angel 🙏🙏 family have our heartfelt condolences and prayers. 🙏🙏🙏

Annie Askins - December 30, 2022 at 07:11 PM

TF

“ *The Cornish Family*



The Cornish Family - December 30, 2022 at 05:42 PM

BM

“ *Barbara Geoghegan Marshall lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson*



Barbara Geoghegan Marshall - December 30, 2022 at 05:03 PM

JF

“ *To the family of Shirley Jackson my prayers are with you all may she rest in peace and love amen*



Jessie E fletcher - December 30, 2022 at 02:26 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Selena Jackson.*



December 30, 2022 at 01:20 PM

DD

“ *Darlene Dixon lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson*



Darlene Dixon - December 30, 2022 at 11:09 AM

FC

“ *FRANCES CEPHS-COULBOURN lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson*



FRANCES CEPHS-COULBOURN - December 30, 2022 at 06:46 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Wideon - December 30, 2022 at 05:45 AM

CE

“ *Ms. Shirley was a beautiful woman of God with a heart of gold! She is truly going to be missed*
Freddie & Connie Elliott



Constance Elliott - December 29, 2022 at 10:59 PM

WB

“ Wallace Bowser lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson



Wallace Bowser - December 29, 2022 at 09:02 PM

LS

“ Se was a true servant , Always doing a good deed



Loretta Smith - December 29, 2022 at 08:31 PM

DW

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Dornell Woolford - December 29, 2022 at 07:56 PM

DA

“ Everytime I talked with Ms. Shirley it was always an educational conversation. She had the biggest heart . She encouraged me so much when I came to Coastal Hospice. Take your well deserved rest. You will be missed

Davette Askins - December 29, 2022 at 07:52 PM



“ *Mary Elliott Stanley lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson*



Mary Elliott Stanley - December 29, 2022 at 07:19 PM



Miss Shirley will be missed. She would always have me to get her an obituary for services held. She was a loving person. R.I.P.

Mary Elliott Stanley - December 29, 2022 at 07:22 PM



“ *Ms Shirley would come into our Cambridge Coastal Hospice office and bring so much light, love, hugs and knowledge. She was always educating us on the history of Cambridge. She always helped us out for our Kids Zone during the Taste of Cambridge. One time she helped she had gone to three events prior and had two events to attend afterwards.*

She is loved and will be missed greatly!! Until we meet again 🙏💔

Mary Katherine Gray - December 29, 2022 at 03:04 PM



Great lady and church family. She will be missed

Howard Bowens - December 30, 2022 at 12:22 AM

JP

“ Shirley's living was definitely not in vain, for she ALWAYS helped somebody as she traveled through her life. She was one busy lady. She was actively engaged in numerous activities and did countless good deeds for others. Her work with the restoration project of the Hansel House in Vienna/Indian Town was but one of her many involvements. She has left a rich legacy and set many great examples for us to follow. My sincere condolences to the Jackson family. May beautiful memories of Shirley help sustain you now, and in the years to come. Most sincerely and with deepest sorrow,
Jestine Pinder Pryor



Jestine Pryor - December 28, 2022 at 10:36 PM

WB

“ Wallace Bowser lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson



wallace bowser - December 28, 2022 at 08:31 PM

JF

To the jackson family my prayers are with you all may she rest in peace and love

Jessie E fletcher - December 29, 2022 at 09:21 AM

MN

“ Ms. Shirley was always so kind and willing to share her talents and gifts with everyone in the community. My Dad always looked forward to her relish. I simply enjoyed her company and her wisdom. Her presence will be greatly missed in our community. Rest in Sweet Peace Ms. Shirley.



Michelle Nichols - December 28, 2022 at 06:03 PM

TG

“ TURNER D GWENDOLYN lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson



TURNER D GWENDOLYN - December 28, 2022 at 05:22 PM

RJ

“ Rhodesia Jackson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson



Rhodesia Jackson - December 28, 2022 at 03:18 PM

SD

“ Cousin Shirley you will be miss and I'll miss my Applesauce cake Arlene-daughter Sister



sister Demby - December 28, 2022 at 03:11 PM

SD

“ *Sister Demby lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson*



sister Demby - December 28, 2022 at 03:09 PM

BA

“ *It was such a shock to hear of Miss Shirley passing she was a wonderful neighbor and friend we had many conversation over the fence about different thing I will truly miss looking out my back door and not seeing her in her yard doing something or on her way somewhere or coming back she was a busy woman all giving to her community. my condolence to the family Neighbor Barbara & Charles Askins*

Barbara Askins - December 28, 2022 at 12:39 PM

BH

My condolences to the family. She will truly be missed at Waugh UM Church and in the community. She was so knowledgeable about anything you asked her. Brenda Hayward

Brenda Hayward - December 28, 2022 at 05:15 PM

TG

Ms Shirley I will truly miss you getting my pepper relish and preserve you were such a loving person I also have 2 flowers in my yard that you gave me I will miss you much just visit you ❤️ 2 days before Thanksgiving this is just a shock to me

TURNER D GWENDOLYN - December 28, 2022 at 05:21 PM

SP

What a wonderful friendship I so enjoyed with Miss Shirley for so many many years. I shall truly miss our journey together with God. So very thankful to have known and shared with her. Such saddest, I shall miss her dearly.

Sandra Rhodes Potter - December 29, 2022 at 11:11 AM

EJ

“ *Emanuel Johnson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson*



Emanuel Johnson - December 28, 2022 at 12:29 PM

BD

“ *There will never be another “Miss Shirley. Whatever you needed to know, Miss Shirley would get you straight on. She is a light that will never go out for she shined so brightly wherever she went. You will be missed by all who knew and loved you but you must take your rest now. ♡♡*

Brenda Davis - December 28, 2022 at 11:06 AM

LB

“ *Heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Ms. Shirley. We would see her riding down Maces Lane almost everyday. May the work she's done speak for her. Ms. Shirley will be deeply missed. May she rest in heavenly peace. The family of the late Betty E Bowens.*



Laverne Bowens - December 28, 2022 at 10:49 AM

GF

“ Garry Jackson and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shirley Selena Jackson.



Garry Jackson and family - December 28, 2022 at 07:00 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Selena Jackson.



December 27, 2022 at 11:26 PM

TB

“ Ms. Shirley was very well liked. I grew up across the street from Ms Shirley. She will be remembered as one of the pioneers of Cambridge

Trina L Brisco - December 27, 2022 at 09:57 PM

AT

“ Mama Shirley what can I say. Your house was like a second home for me. I was there with Debbie and Tammy all the time. I will surely miss you but God knew best. Debbie and Tammy I'm here for you whenever you need me. Just a phone call away.

Alysia Molock Tilghman - December 27, 2022 at 09:52 PM

SP

The Ladies of the Basement Mission of St Paul's Church send our love and prayers. Miss Shirley was such a wonderful friend and all of us are so thankful for our times shared with her always. Her light for our Lord always shown so bright and thoughtful ❤️🙏🕊️🌹

Sandra Rhodes Potter - December 29, 2022 at 11:27 AM

AB

“ *In loving memory of our precious Cousin Shirley. We will truly miss you , your sharing of so much history with us will never be forgotten. Rest in Heaven, cousin Altamese and family*



Altamese Burbage - December 27, 2022 at 09:44 PM

KC

“ *Karen Cornish-Adebiyi lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson*



Karen Cornish-Adebiyi - December 27, 2022 at 09:23 PM

CS

“ *Carlton E Stanley lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson*



Carlton E Stanley - December 27, 2022 at 08:25 PM

GG

“ *Gwendolyn Gillespie-Camper lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson*



Gwendolyn Gillespie-Camper - December 27, 2022 at 07:57 PM

TG

“ *TURNER D GWENDOLYN lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson*



TURNER D GWENDOLYN - December 27, 2022 at 06:58 PM

HI

“ *Haddaway's Service Inc lit a candle in memory of Shirley Selena Jackson*



Haddaway's Service Inc - December 27, 2022 at 03:56 PM