



## Anne S. Davis

August 23, 1935 - April 8, 2020

On April 8, 2020 Anne Shervington Davis, retired CEO of Florence Crittenton Services of Baltimore, Inc, transitioned at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 84.

Anne was born in Baltimore, Maryland on August 23, 1935 to E. W. Shervington, M.D. and Charlotte Watson Shervington. With her two younger siblings, a brother, Walter and a sister, Carol, she grew up in Baltimore. She graduated from Douglas High School and earned her B.A. from Morgan State College in 1957. She later earned her M.Ed. in Criminology and Counseling from Coppin State University. She also obtained an Administrative Theory Certificate from Johns Hopkins University.

In 1957, Anne married her college sweetheart, Gerald Davis, of Jersey City, NJ. Their marriage of 20 years (divorced) provided the foundation by which they raised their three daughters: Penny, Alison and Melanie. The family resided in the Ashburton section of Baltimore on Edgewood Road and spent most of their free time on Gerry's boat or in Cape May, NJ, at the Shervington family summer home. Anne was a devout member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and then New All Saints Church, where she raised her girls to be good Catholics. She was also a dedicated member of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., as a child and as a mother, providing the legacy of participation in community service to her children. Anne Davis loved her clubs! Over the years she served in leadership roles in all of them. Among her organization and club memberships were: The Kappa Silouettes, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, The F.B.I. Wives, Morgan State University Alumni Association/Class of '57, The Bon Bons, The Baltimore Girl Friends, Inc., Ashburton, Dubois Circle and Greater Baltimore Leadership. For more than thirty years Anne took delight in co-chairing the annual Morgan State University Homecoming Gala, helping to raise substantial amounts of money for her beloved Alma Mater.

A tireless achiever, Anne enjoyed a long and successful career in her field, paving the way and mentoring many others. The pinnacle of her career was serving as Executive Director, and then, CEO of Florence Crittenton Services of Baltimore, Inc., for a total of 35 years (1977 - 2011). She was passionate and proud of the mission at FCS, helping so many

teenage girls to find their way. She felt honored to execute this work alongside her team of professionals and board members who shared her vision and passion. Upon retiring, Anne soon found her way back into the work force. Her final run was at her beloved Alma Mater, Morgan State University. There, she was Lecturer/Adjunct Professor in the School of Social Work/Graduate program. She taught and monitored graduate students out at their field sites: hospitals, hospice centers, nursing homes, schools, etc. She absolutely savored every minute that she spent developing young professionals to excel in the field that she loved. Known as a diva, Anne loved fashion and established a clothing and jewelry business, EtCetera Boutique. For over 30 years on weekends she could be found at her shop on Liberty Heights or vending at fashion shows, conventions, open houses and, in the summer, at park fairs in her beloved second hometown of West Cape May, New Jersey.

Ms. Davis earned numerous awards for public service, entrepreneurship and professional development, one of which was the YWCA Outstanding Leadership Award in 2005. She also served on several boards such as: Chair, Governors Council on Adolescent Pregnancy and Prevention, Vice Chair, Baltimore City Commission for Women (1984 - 1989), Board Member, Morgan State University Foundation (1984 - 2014) Board Member, YMCA, member Johns Hopkins University Community Conversations (1978 - 2014), Board Member/Trustee Baltimore City Historical Society (2003 - 2011) Senior Peer Reviewer, Council on Accreditation (1980 - 2010), Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Business Leadership Award (2008).

Anne is survived by daughters: Lynnette (Penny) Davis Morris of W. Cape May, NJ and Alison Davis Hillen of Baltimore, MD; grandchildren: Hiro N. Morris and Tristyn M. Hood; sister, Carol Shervington Wright; nephews: Julian Wright (Adria), and Kaleb Shervington; niece, Iman Shervington, grand nephew, Julian Wright, sisters-in-law: Frances Jiggets and Denese M. Shervington, M.D., several loving paternal and maternal cousins, and last; but absolutely not least, her circle of extended family and beloved friends. She is preceded in death by her youngest daughter, Melanie Davis Hood, her parents E. W. Shervington, M.D. and Charlotte Watson Shervington, her younger brother, Walter W. Shervington, M.D., her aunts: Olive Noel and Agnes Watson Patterson and uncle, Elmer Patterson.

The Family extends their gratitude to all for the overwhelming expressions of love and support during this difficult time. Due to the world and community circumstances a memorial service will be planned for a future date.

Expressions of Sympathy can be left on our Mother's March Life Tribute Center webpage.

In Memory:

In lieu of flowers, a donation in memory of Anne Shervington Davis may be made to the Morgan State University Foundation or to Sinai Hospital for PPE.

MSUF:

Checks should be made payable to:

Morgan State University Foundation

Mail to:

POBOX 64261

Baltimore, MD 21264

Please copy the following onto a note with your check:

In Memory of Anne Shervington Davis

Notification of your gift should be sent to:

Penny Davis Morris

205 Third Avenue

W. Cape May, NJ 08204

or you may donate online:

[givetomorgan.org](http://givetomorgan.org)

Instructions:

Apply Donation to: Other

In blank box type:

Anne Shervington Davis

For more information contact Denise Smith

410.440.0281

Sinai Hospital

Our Mother died of COVID 19 and her predisposition due to her gallant three-year battle with kidney disease. We are forever grateful to her care team at DeVita Dialysis Center in Pikesville and Fresenius Kidney Care in North Cape May and especially for the unselfless care provided by her ICU medical team at Sinai Hospital. This health crisis is dire. In memory of Anne Shervington Davis, please consider making a donation to Sinai Hospital for PPE.

Give by phone

410.601.4438

or

Online

-[lifebridgehealth.org](http://lifebridgehealth.org)

-Giving/care bravely compassion fund/donate

-Sinai Hospital

-Recognition Name:

Anne Shervington Davis/memorial gift

Thank you!

The Davis Family

# Comments

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“ I am so sad to learn of the death of our beautiful neighbor. She was a warm and loving presence here on our shared deck in Goldspring Newtown. Her memory is a blessing.

**Anne McCall** - June 15, 2020 at 11:30 AM

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“ Michelle Howard lit a candle in memory of Anne S. Davis



**Michelle Howard** - May 13, 2020 at 03:24 PM

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“ Penny lit a candle in memory of Anne S. Davis



**penny** - May 12, 2020 at 10:58 PM



“ I love you Mom

**penny** - May 12, 2020 at 10:59 PM

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“ Anne's passing was the first of several that have now occurred amongst family and friends over the course of the past few weeks of this devastating pandemic. And like so much else associated with this difficult time, grieving itself has presented unprecedented challenges. I take recourse in this regard to the reflections of a colleague anthropologist, who recently wrote:

>> It is the limitations of linguistic communication that I am thinking about most right now, especially in relation to grief. Where I am, and where many people are, we cannot touch our loved ones right now, other than those that live in the same house. We can't sit next to them as they struggle against illness, or as they cry for the person that they just lost. We can't be there, silent, knowing that there is nothing that can be said, but that our presence matters. It's in these big forms of grief that we find ourselves saying "there are no words", "I don't know what to say", "I can't express..." over and over and over. But unlike at other times, this is actually all we have. We reach out with "ghost hugs", puppy gifs, memes, and words. We light a candle in our window, we take a picture of it, we post it online. We talk to crying friends and family through a screen, we cry with them, we say that there is nothing to say. We are trying to "be present", but it is a flat presence. I don't know about you, but space to just be together in silence is not possible through screens, where the awkwardness of those pauses seems amplified and echoes.<< -- [Sarah Shulist, "When all there are is words for experiences that are too big for words." AnthroDendum, 22 April 2020]

Anne will be missed by all of us who knew and loved her. We take solace in the memories which she has gifted us.

M. - May 04, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ Jesus wept

**Norma Joset Turner** - May 23, 2020 at 08:04 PM

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“ We dearly miss our friend Anne Davis. We know that she is now resting in the bosom of Jesus, and that Melanie welcomed her Mom to her Heavenly Home.

Our Love and Prayers to the Family.

Jacqueline, Jermene, Jamie & James Massey  
New All Saints Catholic Church



Massey Jacqueline - May 03, 2020 at 10:05 PM

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“ David and I have so many memories of Anne's enthusiastic participation in her many activities in AKA, the Couples Club, Jack and Jill, the Et Cetera Boutique, and most of all, the BonBons. Our sympathy goes out to her lovely daughters, Penny and Allison, and to her sister, Carol.  
The loss of a mother is a very deep loss and we hope that their strength and faith will sustain them through this difficult period, and that their many memories of Anne will comfort them!

Love,  
David and Norma Scott

Norma Scott - April 25, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ Thank you Aunt Norma

penny - May 09, 2020 at 11:15 PM

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“ We are so sorry and saddened to have lost a great servant to all of humanity! Anne Shervington Davis represented the epitome of a "Life Well Lived." The Armstrong and Shervington/Patterson families go back over a period of 50years, and we share many fond memories. May God bless Carol, Penny and Allison and all of the family; and may Anne rest in eternal peace. We send our love and prayers to all of you, and we will always continue to remember our dear friend.  
Rocky and Gloria Armstrong

**Rocky and Gloria Armstrong** - April 22, 2020 at 01:48 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about Ms Davis, she gave me my first job out of Morgan working at Florence Crittenton Services! Prayers and sympathy to the family!

**Shelia Peters Lee** - April 21, 2020 at 09:06 PM

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“ I would like to express my sincere condolences to the family. Anne has known me, I guess all my life. I caught up with her a few years ago and it was truly lovely exchanging messages. She, as well as other members of your family who have passed, will always be missed. My prayers are with you all.  
Carol Smith and family.

**Carol Smith** - April 21, 2020 at 07:07 PM

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“ Alison and Penny, please know that THE LORD is walking with you during this difficult period and will provide comfort to all who call on HIS name. Your Mom was good people and encouraged all. I, along with many others will miss her dearly. I continue to keep you and your family in my prayers. Gloria Wayman, Howard Cornish Alumni Chapter, Morgan State University.

**Gloria Wayman** - April 21, 2020 at 06:29 AM



“ Gloria, thank you so much for your comforting words....they helped me this morning!

**penny Morris** - April 21, 2020 at 09:14 AM

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“ a loved one is always heartbreaking, but God has given us the ability to carry in our hearts the beautiful and loving memories and thoughts which we can always rely on. These will forever comfort, and often amuse us. Be strong and remain blessed God gave you such a loving and caring friend and mother who was able to give so much of herself. Peace Be With You.

**Sheryl Lansey** - April 20, 2020 at 02:35 PM

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences for a long time friend and my client, great mother and grandmother, dear Anne. With respect Irina Iosem.

**Irina Iosem** - April 20, 2020 at 01:55 PM

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“ May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief. Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of my dear Soror Anne S. Davis.

**Judith Fitzgerald** - April 20, 2020 at 09:45 AM

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“ Having the pleasure of serving with Anne on the MSU Gala committee, she was so dedicated to raising money for our students. I will always remember Anne's distinct flare for fashion. It was impeccable. It was so much fun to purchase her clothing because I knew I would receive compliments. Classy, kind, compassionate- just a few words that describe a woman who will always stay in our hearts and minds.

**Angela Gaither -Scott** - April 20, 2020 at 08:19 AM



“ Angela, thank you! She loved the Gala!!! I appreciate your words and find them comforting

**penny Morris** - April 21, 2020 at 09:17 AM

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“ Soror Anne you were such a humble human being. I will always remember your smile and hugs. Rest In Paradise Soror.

**Cynthia Bruce** - April 20, 2020 at 06:01 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**penny morris** - April 19, 2020 at 10:57 PM



“ Our Shervington Cousins from Antigua

**penny** - April 22, 2020 at 12:07 AM



“ Our Shervington Cousins from Antigua

**penny** - April 22, 2020 at 12:07 AM

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“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



**Trenton Hood** - April 19, 2020 at 08:43 PM

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“ May the memories of your mother comfort you. She was a loving person. May God bless you at this time.

**Marietta English** - April 19, 2020 at 07:26 PM

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“ Patterson Avenue Beach in Cape May will never be the same. She was the center of it all. We will really miss her energy and her spirit!



**Sheila Royal-Moses** - April 19, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ Love this Sheila!

**penny morris** - April 19, 2020 at 07:35 PM

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“ Ms. Ann Davis was one of the kindest and most gentle women I have ever met. When my family would travel to W. Cape May, New Jersey for the summer, she would greet us like family. Her daughters were a reflection of her as they were giving and always pleasant. I would take note how she never showed anger in public and treated both adults and children with respect. I have attempted to emulate that same attitude but have failed at times with what I learned from her. For me there will never be anyone like her in my lifetime. Thank you Ms. Davis for showing me the meaning of kindness.

Lance Green

**Lance Green** - April 19, 2020 at 02:33 PM



“ Dear Lance, what a beautiful and touching tribute to my Mom. It brought Alison and myself to tears. She loved your family and so enjoyed spending time together over the years. Thank you so much for this!

**penny morris** - April 19, 2020 at 07:39 PM

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“ Anne was a leader, an outspoken advocate, a mentor, an inspiration to many and someone who made a difference in the lives of others. She left a rich legacy. We know she will be missed and well remembered.

Jim McComb

**James McComb** - April 19, 2020 at 08:43 AM

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“ Anne was a strong woman that I admired. My sincere sympathy to the family. I volunteered for Anne at Florence Crittenton and participated in many of their fundraisers. You saw Anne's love for the girls and dedication to the program. Peggy and Carol, my heart goes out to you. I pray that you find comfort in the wonderful memories and accomplishments that Anne left as her legacy.

Love, Carol & Tweed Rogers

**Carol Rogers** - April 19, 2020 at 12:26 AM

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“ 9 files added to the album Anne on Capitol Hill for Crittenton



**Jeannette Pai-Espinosa** - April 18, 2020 at 07:29 PM



“ We had the honor of knowing Anne through her role at Crittenton. On behalf of the agency directors of other Crittenton agencies and the staff and Board of National Crittenton we express our sadness at her passing and thank you for sharing her with us. These are a few photos from a Hill Day in 2010 - where Anne let everyone know what she thought....as always!

**Jeannette Pai-Espinosa** - April 18, 2020 at 07:26 PM



“ Jeannette, thank you so much for sharing these special photos from her FCS days Oh how she loved Florence Crittenden! The highlights captured in your words and these photos means so much to us. Thank you!,

**Penny Davis Morris** - April 19, 2020 at 11:51 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy and love to the Davis family. Carol, our friend, we send our love and friendship at this unsettling. We wish for God's peace, strength and comfort for the entire family.

Anne was a beautiful person inside and outside. She always greeted us with her warm and bright smile whenever she saw us. Anne will be missed but never forgotten. May the many wonderful memories you have of Anne bring a smile to your lips. Know that she is always with you, just think of the good times that you were so blessed to have shared.

May God wipe away your tears. Be blessed.

With heartfelt sympathy,  
Russell and Ernestine Jolivet



**Ernestine & Russell Jolivet** - April 18, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ Baltimore feels off balance without Mrs Davis. She was a part of the tapestry, a creator of pristine legacy, and an example to every young woman she came to influence. I've known her since I was a child in Jack-n-Jill growing up in the same group with her beautiful daughter Alison. She was a golden goddess. When I saw her as recently as last month, as we sat and talked, I was always looking up. She made you feel like the only person in the room and I am blessed to have experienced that. Having just lost my mother, my heart bleeds for her beautiful daughters and family. Her life is lived in Paradise now but her love springs eternal and will never die.

**Cecelia Quarles** - April 18, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“ CeCe, WOW. Thank you for this ....it is heartwarming, touching and so beautiful. We love you!

**Penny Davis Morris** - April 19, 2020 at 11:55 AM



“ My sympathies to my lifelong friend Carol and to the rest of the family. In over 50 years of knowing her, she was always uplifting and motivating. I will miss Anne, especially at Morgan events.

**Daniel Henson** - April 18, 2020 at 03:46 PM



“ What the caterpillar calls the end, the Master call a butterfly. I will look for that beauty while sitting on the bench in the courtyard at Deerfern. She knew four generations of the family and was loved by each. That smile and laugh are missed greatly. We love you “Gurl”

**Muriel White Roberts** - April 18, 2020 at 01:47 PM

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“ Muriel, I just love this! Thank you for it, Penny

**Penny Davis Morris** - April 19, 2020 at 11:57 AM

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“ Anne and I go back to the 8th grade at Booker T. Washington Junior High School. We graduated from Douglass High in 1953, She went to Morgan and I went to Coppin. She became a social worker and I became a teacher. I was the matron of honor in her wedding and she was the maid of honor in my first wedding. We kept in touch through the years and looked forward to our once a year luncheons to reminisce and catch up on the latest news. We had great fun in school and club activities. Anne will be surely missed by me. I pray that she's resting in peace.

Love,  
Lola J. Massey

**LOLAJ. MASSEY** - April 18, 2020 at 01:43 PM

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“ LOLAJ. MASSEY lit a candle in memory of Anne S. Davis



**LOLAJ. MASSEY** - April 18, 2020 at 01:26 PM

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“ We were devastated to hear the news of Anne’s passing. Our hearts go out to her loving family and enormous circle of friends. Anne was such a compassionate person. Walter, Denise and their children had been friends in the SF Bay Area. She was the most welcoming presence when we moved “back” to Baltimore in 1995. Always a delight to catch up with. It is with deep regard for this kind and capable woman that we say a heartfelt farewell. May she rest in sweet peace.

**Robin Wood** - April 18, 2020 at 10:01 AM

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“ As Ann’s FCS Board Chair I enjoyed working with this Professional. I will truly miss her. Charles R. (Charlie) Owens.

**Charles R. Owens** - April 18, 2020 at 08:25 AM



“ I will always remember what a warm and generous spirit that Anne always generated. She is a valued member of our church, New All Saints Roman Catholic Church, and I will always remember her glowing face whenever she brought her granddaughter to Mass, she was so proud.

**Jacqueline Richardson** - April 18, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ Anne's love for life was evident whenever and wherever I saw her...and that was everywhere! She always projected boundless energy, and had a special gift of making the best of every situation.  
Anne was a faithful Morgan alumnae, a loving mother, sister, grandmother, motivated businesswoman and friend to all she encountered. And not to mention, a real fashionista!  
I'll miss you Anne, for so many reasons, and will always cherish many wonderful memories.  
Love and mercy to all who love you~

"Little Bits"

Denise A. Smith

**Denise A. Smith** - April 18, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ A wonderful leader. An inspirational advocate for young women.

**John Stallard** - April 18, 2020 at 04:10 PM

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“ 30 files added to the tribute wall



penny morris - April 16, 2020 at 09:09 PM



“ I love the family spirit captured in these photos, Penny. I remember that you all taught me about "summering on the shore (Cape May)." Simply beautiful...

Tawna - April 17, 2020 at 03:08 PM

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“ 48 files added to the tribute wall



penny morris - April 16, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ Penny and Alison I remember your mom as friendly, full of life and energy. Such a fashionable lady. I know she was a bright light in your lives. Love and peace to you both.

Rona Ammons Dixon

Rona Dixon - April 21, 2020 at 11:31 AM

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“ Penny Morris lit a candle in memory of Anne S. Davis



penny morris - April 16, 2020 at 08:25 PM

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“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



**penny morris** - April 16, 2020 at 08:23 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



**Penny Davis Morris** - April 16, 2020 at 07:11 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album Sweet Memories



**Penny Davis Morris** - April 16, 2020 at 07:05 PM

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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

**March Funeral Homes** - April 16, 2020 at 04:08 PM



“ We appreciate everything your family is doing to comfort us and to ensure that our earthly Mother's vessel is in good hands.

With Gratitude,  
Penny, Alison and Family

**Penny Davis Morris** - April 16, 2020 at 06:56 PM