



Charity L. Shields

March 17, 1924 - July 21, 2022

David and Sarah Ella Powell of Halifax County, North Carolina, They birthed into this world this world a glorious gem , little Charity Lee on March seventeenth in the year of our lord nineteen hundred twenty four. Charity as a young little girl had her early education in her neighborhood. She enjoyed learning and had many friends. Little Charity began her Christian work at six years old, as she began attending church at Cedar Creek Baptist Church. Little Charity went to live with her grandmother Charity Powell. Her saintly grandmother encourage Charity Lee to stay close to God. Grandma was blind , but had spiritually sight teaching little Charity to "Go and see, then Go and Tell, about God's Power and Goodness." It was this teaching that would cement her faith. In her youth she was invited to sing at many churches and sang with her sisters. She was faithful to the Lord, Grandma and her Family.

In 1939, Miss Charity met and married Preston Shields. To this union came their first child, Reatha Mae, but her life was short lived. Charity now experienced God's anointing of comfort. Later they birthed three more children, Lizzie, Ella, and Preston, Jr. In 1946 sister Charity and Preston, Sr., moved to Baltimore, Maryland for better opportunity for their offspring . After moving to Baltimore, Charity and Preston added to this union , six more children, Joe, Virginia, Raymond Florence, Diane, and Brenda. After prayerful consideration Charity joined the Rock Bethel Baptist Church, under Pastor Miller, serving as a soloist and worship leader for the next ten years.

In 1957, Sister Charity recognized the Pastoral calling on Reverend Ellison Witherspoon. She started her new work with fervor, diligence, great joy and aligned herself with the perfect will of God. She assisted in the establishment of New Light Baptist Church, dutifully serving as Women's Leader, Program Organizer, Praise Leader, Missionary, Altar Worker and Counselor. In 1976, Rev. Witherspoon transitioned, Rev. Naron Lewis began to pastor New Light. Sister Charity supporter of the youth ministry, among other works, she used her influence to sponsor programs and special events, both in church and in the community. Pastor Lewis seeing her power and authority with the people of God, and those in her community. He elevated her to the Office Church Mother. As she was elevated to her assignment her work in the Kingdom escalated. Charity was also the matriarch of her family assisting with them following Christ.

Charity Shields was an elegant and fashionable dresser. She was a woman who stood out in a crowd. Her poise and dignified manner preceded her at all times. She fed the masses on a regular basis. She gave clothes, money and good counsel. She babysat for young parents, raised other people's children and grandchildren, visited the sick, clean houses, and taught church etiquette.

Mother Shields was faithful. In 1983, when Rev. Lewis transitioned into eternity, she continued the ministry. Many came, but none of those were called to lead New Light. Therefore, she waited for God to send one. And God sent Elder Benedict A. Dorsey. Mother knew he was the one called to lead the church into a new ministry because she saw a unique anointing on him. Her prayer was for him to remain and to move the church from renting a storefront to owning an edifice. Years later, God led them to their new edifice (now paid in full- owing nothing to anyone but God) She had to please God.

Mother Shields was a woman of fortitude and strength who continued to

proclaim Christ through many obstacles. This lady is sure to have many jewels in her glorified crown. While not always doing it the way others thought she should, she continued to press toward the higher calling. She got the job done, and today there are multitudes of believers attributed to her handwork. In her latter days her testimonies of victory and old songs of Zion told of the greatness of God and were a continual source of hope for all. Her community saw her and called her blessed.

She was an example of the Biblical virtuous woman whose price is far above rubies. Mother was Lydia, a lady of purple, who was a worshiper of God and with a fervency to be hospitable towards servants of God's servants. Mother's worship led her to a deeper understanding of the Word and Revelations 2:10 Be thou faithful until death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

She leaves to continue her legacy of faith, love, and commitment, one son Joe Shields (Mary), five daughters, Lizzie Shields, Virginia Wilkes, Florence Sims, (Jerry), Diane Burton, (William) Brenda Freeman, (Michael), sixteen grandchildren, fifty-nine great-children, eighty great-great-grandchildren, four great-great-great grandchildren, one devoted niece, Rose Turner, five special friends, Charles Clark, Freda Mae Thompson, Annie Grant, Mary McConnel, Edna Montaque, a host of nieces and nephews, Pastor and First Lady Dorsey, the New Light family, friends and neighbors. Mother Charity Shield has passed through this earthly world to worship around the eternal throne of God where she will join those who have gone before her. Reatha Mae, Preston, Jr., Raymond, Ella, her husband Preston, Sr., her sisters and brothers. Finally, she can rest from her labor and her works do follow her.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park

8710 Dogwood Road
Baltimore, MD 21244

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 5. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

New Light Church
200 S. Highland Avenue
Balto, MD

Wake

AUG 6. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Light Church
200 S. Highland Avenue
Balto, MD

Service

AUG 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Light Church
200 S. Highland Avenue
Balto, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Charity L. Shields*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of your loss, you certainly have our deepest condolences and prayers, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.*

(Revelation 14:13)

Community Church of Christ Family

Lady Mary Moore

Bishop Luther C. Moore, Pastor



Bishop Luther Moore - August 05, 2022 at 11:39 AM



“ *Mary S. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charity L. Shields.*



Mary S. - August 03, 2022 at 10:09 AM



“ 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 - July 26, 2022 at 08:23 AM