



Rev. Dr. Sharon Curry Campbell

November 1, 1958 - October 23, 2018

Reflections on a Lifelong Learner

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21

Born to Millard and Dorothy Curry, Sharon Patricia entered this life on November 1, 1958. She was raised with her older siblings, Gwendolyn and Kenneth, in Los Angeles, California

where her pursuit of education and knowledge began. She attended local public schools and was among the pilot program for gifted and talented students in Southern California in the early 70's graduating from Fremont High School in 1976. Upon completion of her High School education, she attended and graduated from University of California, San Diego, with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

Sharon became a lifelong learner actively pursuing education at every juncture in her life and making her parents proud along the way. She went on to obtain a Master of Teaching from the University of Richmond, and the Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry, with emphasis in Educational Development from Virginia Union University. She also received a Post Graduate Certificate and License in Public School Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University along with a certification as an Instructor at Virginia Union University School of Theology's Continuing Studies program. She was committed to education and being an example for her niece, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

She was licensed and ordained to the Gospel Ministry by Dr. Darrel Rollins and began a powerful journey in ministry. Formerly a public schools teacher and administrator, she also served for 14 years as the Minister to Children and Youth at 31st Street Baptist Church. Under her leadership, 13 ministries grew to 23. She developed and led, Youth in Celebration/4H, Children's Church and Summer Youth Leadership Institute. She also developed a curriculum for children and youth based on Dr. Morris Henderson's vision of P.E.A.C.E. (Promoting Education, the Arts, Culture and the Environment). With an interest in Creative Arts, she wrote several plays which included a pre-election tribute to President Barack Obama.

While at 31st she met and married the love of her life, the Rev. Alvin Campbell, an educator and Gospel preacher. They were married on May 26, 2007. From the very beginning of their life together they would enjoy and support each other's efforts, each pushing the other to be all God called them to be while supporting each other in prayer. Their marriage life was both special and unique.

Dr. Campbell served as a Consultant for St. James Baptist Church, New Bridge Baptist Church and Shalom Baptist Church, in the area of Christian Education/Children & Youth programming. On March 1, 2014, she was appointed Minister of Christian Education, where she provided leadership for the umbrella which houses, Church School, Vacation Bible School, Curriculum Development, Ministry Training, Health & Wholeness & Children & Youth Ministry.

Dr. Campbell believed wholeheartedly in educating the next generation. It was her passion! Having grown up in South Central Los Angeles, she continued to be amazed at how blessed she was in life. She always maintained the mindset to "give back." Through many twists and turns, she knew her life was Exhibit A-that a stumbling block can truly become a stepping stone to "even greater." She even found that even her disability had become a beacon light for others in the same situation.

Since the passing of her mother and sister, Sharon whole heartily assumed

the position of family matriarch. Everyone can testify how wonderful it was to receive cards from her on special occasions and sometimes the cards included a special gift. Sharon loved to travel. While traveling, Sharon always found a way to include one of the favorite pastimes-swimming, which helped with her disability. During trips she would always find the closest YMCA. Dr. Campbell left this life for her heavenly reward on Tuesday, October 23rd after a short stay in the hospital. We take solace in the truth of the scripture; "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord!" 2 Corinthians 5:8. Preceding her in death were her parents, Millard and Dorothy, and her sister, Gwendolyn. She leaves outstanding memories to her beloved husband, Rev. Dr. Alvin Campbell; four step-children, Alvin Campbell, Jr., Mia Lattimore Crawford, Donora Pollard (Moya), Maurice Childs; one brother, Kenneth Curry (Pamela); one siser, Rossia Curry Dougherty; four sisters-in-law, Chantell Long, Stephanie Fitzgerald-Williams, Carol Ligon and Jacqueline Fitzgerald; three nephews, Kenneth (Karima), Kevin (Tyree), Keith (Nina); one niece, Kelly; two great-nephews, Kristopher and Kamillo; and one great niece, Kira. She will be missed by her God-sister, Gwendolyn Sulcer, aunt, Zarah Mae Curry, and a host of cousins and friends gained throughout her life both professionally and spiritually. She will be greatly missed.

Cemetery Details

Inglewood Park Cemetery

720 Florence Ave
Inglewood, CA 90301

Previous Events

viewing

NOV 2. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Wake

NOV 2. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

NOV 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

31st Street Baptist Church
823 North 31st Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Dr. Sharon Curry Campbell*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Rev. Sha had a beautiful spirit and helped to mentor me during my youth years. To hear of her passing, it saddened my heart. She married my husband and I and we're forever grateful that she blessed our union. Rest easy Rev. Sha. We love you. Continue to guide us on.*

-Maurice & Whitney Day

Whitney Macklin Day - November 03, 2018 at 10:47 AM



“ *We were saddened and shocked to hear of your wife's death. We pray you will find comfort in the memories the two of you shared and knowing others care.*

*With Prayers and Sympathy,
Woodrow and Mary "Mama J" Jackson*

Woodrow & Mary J. Jackson - November 02, 2018 at 07:22 PM

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“ We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Rev. Dr. Shay. Know that our heartfelt sympathy is with Rev. Dr. Alvin Campbell and the family. We wish you peace to bring grace and courage to face the days ahead, along with loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. May the entire family take solace in knowing she is with our Savior.

Ellis and Angela Hargress

Ellis & Angela - October 31, 2018 at 09:29 PM



“ Rev Shae was one of the sweetest person I knew She would always ask how are my children. We always gave each other a sister hug. I will miss her. RIP Dear Heart.

Linda Adams - October 31, 2018 at 09:22 PM

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“ I thank God for having met her, first as a teacher/trainer for myself and our staff at New Bridge Baptist Church Child Care but then as a "friend". We are in prayer for her family during this time.



Sheila Muse - October 31, 2018 at 06:52 PM

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“ I will miss your sweet spirit and quiet strength. I will miss your messages regarding the upcoming biblical teaching series that you knew I would especially enjoy. Rest in Peace. My deepest condolences and prayers to Pastor Alvin Campbell and family.

Angela Rowe and Family

Angela Rowe - October 31, 2018 at 02:39 PM



“ *Rev Dr. Sharon Curtis Campbell was indeed a women of excellence. Working with her as The FIRST Director of St. Peter Baptist church child development center was an honor. I will miss our uplifting conversations! Praying for the family!* ”

LaTanya Johnson - October 30, 2018 at 09:59 PM



(Woman)

LaTanya Johnson - October 30, 2018 at 10:08 PM



“ *Our Condolence to Dr. Rev. Alvin Campbell and Family. Keep your memories and God close to your heart.
Thelma, Aleah and Jayda Brown* ”

Thelma Brown - October 30, 2018 at 03:41 PM



“ *I am still devastated! My love and prayers to Dr. Alvin Campbell and family. I will miss my friend girl but hold on to the memories of us doing ministry together and her cheerful laugh!* ”

Janice Roane - October 30, 2018 at 12:07 PM



“ *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 - October 29, 2018 at 03:00 PM