



Shelba Stanford

April 5, 1956 - December 19, 2016

Shelba Virginia Stanford was born on April 5, 1956 in Talbot County, Maryland to the late Addison Harry and Daisy Virginia Stanford. Shelba was called home to be with the Lord on December 19, 2016. Shelba was survived by her brothers and sister, Harry Stanford, Sheila Stanford, Richard Warren Stanford and Gary Stanford. Out of her marriage union with George Henry Shell, Jr was born Shajuane Shell.

Shelba received her education in the Baltimore City Public School system. She loved the retail industry and worked for Ross Dress For Less where she was the assistant manager for many years.

Shelba joined PAYCHEX INC where she worked as the Branch Administrative Assistant. She was a dedicated employee with over 20 years of employment. She enjoyed spreading God's word with her co-workers and clients.

Shelba had a vivacious spirit. Her smile and laughter would light up a room. She was this little person with this big personality and loud voice. You definitely knew when Shelba was in the room. She was always known for her unique style of fashion and those long colorful nails.

Shelba loved life, her family and friends. She was always willing to help others with encouraging words, big smile and a warm hug. Most of all she loved the

Lord and had an unshakeable faith. This was evident in how she handled adversities throughout her life. She used adversity to grow closer to the Lord, share Christ and her testimony with those she encountered.

Shelba joined New Psalmist Baptist Church on April 1, 1996. She participated in the Discipleship class and Cancer ministry. She loved her church family and was affectionately known as the Candy Lady.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter Shajuane Alkea Holmes, Son-in-law Eric Holmes, Sr, Brothers Richard Warren Stanford and Gary L. Stanford, Sister-in-law Karen Stanford, grandchildren MyShawne, Jada, Jazmine, Princess, Lyric, Eric Jr and her little angel Ari Pari, nephews, nieces, cousins and a host of family and friends.

There were several special Prayer Warriors, Rev. James Green, Roosevelt and Debbie Harris, Deacon Joe and Deaconess Denise McCray, Minister Mary Thomas and Minister Carolyn Smith and all the Discipleship sisters and Cancer Ministry members. As Shelba would always say, "I have cancer, I am not cancer."

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

DEC 28. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Psalmist Baptist Church
6020 Marian Dr.
Baltimore, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Shelba Stanford*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Shelba was the greeter and more for me at Paychex. She also loved my son and made sure there was always a lollipop on my payroll pick up for him and a wonderful verse or quote stuck on the front of it. She will be missed. She was missed the past year at the office not having that bold laugh being heard from such a little person. May she be enjoying her time above with her mom who she so very much loved. She loved her family but know how much after her mom passed how much she also missed her. Prayers to you Miss Shelba. I know you are keeping it quite exciting up in heaven. Love and hugs - The Seeleys (Donna and Colby)*

Donna Seeley - January 04, 2017 at 04:05 PM



“ *Annette lit a candle in memory of Shelba Stanford*



Annette - December 28, 2016 at 05:59 PM



“ *Shelba came to my work place always had a big smile made us laugh and would give some good advice also very helpful RIP my sister and to your daughter and grand daughters especially Princess accept my deepest sympathy.*

Jennifer Amoroso - December 28, 2016 at 05:25 PM

AN

Ms Stanford was one of my most favorite patients at Johns Hopkins. She was always welcoming and her smile and her faith could fill a room. I'm gonna miss our convosLove Angela

angela - April 07, 2017 at 09:04 PM

DM

“ *I had the absolute honor of working with Sheba when I was with Paychex. She was a real "spitfire". She cared so much about people and always said-----don't worry about me, I am fine. I will miss the annual Birthday serenade. She would call and sing Happy Birthday to me even after I left Paychex. How many companies do you know today where clients would call just to speak with Shelba who was the worlds best receptionist. Clients would come in person just to pick up their payroll so they could see Shelba and get their daily piece of wisdom that she had to offer. I used to think that sometimes she understood the business and the client's needs better than some of the upper management. I used to love hearing her talk about her daughter and how proud she was of her. She loved her family and treated all of her Paychex people like family and she was not afraid to put us in our place when it was needed. I will always remember her and have a smile on my face every time I think of her.*

There will be a void for sure without this wonderful woman on the face of the earth. I hope she continues to share her wisdom in heaven. I know that she will be missed here on earth but anyone that knew her will always have those "Shelba" memories and they will never be taken away.

Rest in Peace beautiful lady !!!!!

Diane Melick - December 28, 2016 at 04:58 PM

F#

“ *She always wore a smile and was so encouraging to others. Rest now my sister.*

F. Sanders #NPBC - December 28, 2016 at 09:54 AM

CB

“ *Shelba was my 4 mother in the neighborhood. She was always tell us that we are important in life she never put us down and she did not play with us . i xan hear yelling put the top floor apartment window . she did not play with us . and i thank God that she was a part of my life . i will miss you so much mom*

Cathy brown - December 27, 2016 at 09:25 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelba Stanford.*



December 27, 2016 at 07:09 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Shelba Stanford.*



December 27, 2016 at 10:12 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelba Stanford.*



December 27, 2016 at 09:05 AM



“ *There are times in your life when you cross paths with someone and you know they are different....more special than most anyone else that has. That was Ms. Shelba. I had the pleasure of working with her and getting to know her for 6+ years. I know of no one else that loved life, and embraced it, good or bad more than her. If I somehow have 1/10 the spirit for life as she did I will be doing very good. My life was made better by having her cross paths with mine, and I will always remember and think of her fondly, especially that smile and that laugh. Rest easy my dear friend.- Jason Martin*

Jason Martin - December 27, 2016 at 08:10 AM



“ *I met Shelba about 2 months ago while she was getting her treatment. I have never met anyone who was so positive and cheerful. You shared your testimony with me and others and I will always remember your Faith. I was looking forward to seeing you and sharing fresh fire at your church. But, God had other plans. Fly high my friend and take your rest. Judy*

Judy Allen - December 26, 2016 at 06:02 PM

AB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Cherish the fond memories of your dear loved one. Have faith in the Kingdom Jesus taught his early followers to pray for at Matthew 6:9. This Kingdom will do away with our enemy, death, once and for all. Then we can look forward to another important action, the resurrection of millions of dead loved ones who have the prospect of growing to perfection under God's Messianic King. What great family reunions lay ahead. Until then let us run this race for life with endurance.

Abrown - December 26, 2016 at 06:46 AM

ET

“ Rest peacefully Ms Shelba .. I'll miss u in the cafe after service ... You were my She-ro ,
Love Ericka, Justin and Richard



Ericka Thomas - December 24, 2016 at 10:46 PM

DB

“ With my deepest condolences to the family of Shelba Stanford. There is a hope for Shelba in God's Word. He says that all those in the memorial tombs will hear His voice and come out (John5:28,29). This is a promise from God and He cannot lie (Titus1:2) May this bring you comfort.

D Barnes - December 24, 2016 at 09:31 AM

Leslie
Rice

“ Ms Shelba, ill miss ur straightnochaser way of talking me down off the ledge on many occassions. Showing me love when i needed it the most and laying me out when i needed that 2. Rest Well in Glory and when i get there i want to be sitting right next to you cuz we cut up some thing terrible.



i love u and will miss u!

Leslie Rice - December 23, 2016 at 02:02 PM



“ Aunt Shelba you will be truly missed! Words can not express how much joy and strength you have brought to us! I am forever grateful to have you as my Aunt! When God made you he gave you a smile that will light up a room,a heart that is fulfilled with so much love, he gave you strength and you always came out with the victory! I love you and i will continue to take good care of your Cliffy! Untill we meet again in heaven I will rejoice in knowing that you are rejoicing!



Kyla Parker - December 23, 2016 at 09:23 AM

JH

“ Jade Holmes lit a candle in memory of Shelba Stanford



Jade Holmes - December 23, 2016 at 12:26 AM

JH

Shelba, such a hero. If I ever needed to know how to fight, Shelba is it. She fought the good fight. She won the battle but sometimes you just get tired of winning. She was ready to be with our God, our Heavenly Father. There are just no better hands to be in. She knew that well. You will live forever in my heart. We have our beautiful children and grandchildren together which made our bond that much stronger. Rest in peace. Love you always and forever.

Jade

Jade Holmes - December 23, 2016 at 12:34 AM

 Alesia
Green

“ *Shelba my dearest long time friend...you fought a mighty battle...you won the victory, you gained your wings....fly high my sister friend....It is well with my soul.*



Alesia Green - December 22, 2016 at 07:23 PM

MM

“ *I had the pleasure of first meeting Shelba when she worked at Paychex. She had a beautiful smile and was always happy with a warm greeting. Unfortunately, I had not been by her office for quite some time and just learned of her passing today. I was very sad to learn of it. I can still hear her laugh and quips about the Ravens.*

God Bless You Shelba. You were the best !

Matt McElwee & the management at Wolf Professional Security, Inc

Matthew McElwee - December 22, 2016 at 06:52 PM

WF

We wish to extend our condolences to the family. We understand that death can bring much pain and sadness. But may the God of all comfort and tender mercies, comfort the family during these difficult times. (2 Corinthian:1:3,4).

Warren Family - December 23, 2016 at 09:37 AM



“ *Miss. Shelba fondly known as My Lil Lady and me as her Diva. We had a bond that couldn't be broken. I have so many wonderful memories shared between us and she one of the few that could get me together without even speaking. She was quite the fire cracker. Small in stature but a giant everywhere else. Yes indeed she was fiesty and to know her was to love her and I TRULY LOVED HER. Although my heart is heavy and I will miss you so much I know you fought quite a battle therefore it is well with my soul because God makes NO mistakes and I know you are in NO more pain yet chilling with the Almighty! We did make fighting cancer look easy but I know it is rough, you were tired and it was time. Rest Easy My Lil Lady Until We Meet Again Know That I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU!!!*



LaKisha Fizer - December 22, 2016 at 06:20 PM

 Clifton Parker

“ *Heaven has a new angel. My Aunt Shelba would light up any room she was in. Her personality was infectious. She I will miss her smile and her laugh and just hearing her call my name. Love you Shelba*



Clifton Parker - December 22, 2016 at 04:42 PM

P.

“ P.Godwin lit a candle in memory of Shelba Stanford



P.Godwin - December 22, 2016 at 04:33 PM

P.

Earthly life is short but eternity is forever. May u rest in perfect peace in Him.

P.Godwin - December 22, 2016 at 04:42 PM

PL

“ I am very sorry that death has robbed your family of someone you loved. In the Bible there are many scriptures that provide comfort. Our heavenly father knows your distress. Jehovah our GOD is referred to as the “The Father of tender mercies and the GOD of all comfort.” Please read 2 Cor 1:3-4, Psalms 34:18 and Isaiah 65:2 for words of comfort at

Peggy Land - December 22, 2016 at 03:44 PM

DM

“ It is know way possible that you can be forgotten (Northwest Hospital Infusion Center) We all loved you so much, you were such a joy when you came in on Friday with that big smile on your face. loving life. Knowing what God had done for you. and believing in him. Shelba thank you for letting us go on that journey with you and sharing with us.your last 3 years. we have 24 hrs to cry. that's all we had.
<http://storage.lifetributes.com/Candles/new/candle-9.png>



diane mason - December 22, 2016 at 12:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelba Stanford.*



December 22, 2016 at 10:12 AM



“ *I was called by Paychex to let me know that Shelba had passed away. I cannot tell you how honored I was to work with her while she was out on disability and had the strength to return to work when she was first diagnosed...*



She was a very gentle sole who did not stop working hard even though life had tried to slow her down. We had many conversations that touched my spirit. My heart is saddened by her passing and my prayers go out to you at this time of sorrow. God bless!

Wendy Kurtz former Return to work Coordinator at Paychex

Wendy Kurtz - December 22, 2016 at 07:12 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 - December 21, 2016 at 09:04 AM