



Shirley A. Thorpe

December 29, 1949 - May 9, 2005

Shirley Pettiford Thorpe, the daughter of the late Clarence Lee Pettiford and Geneva Blackwell Pettiford, was born on December 29, 1949 in Roxboro, North Carolina. She was nurtured in loving and kindness by her parents and older siblings. Shirley was affectionately known as “Ann” to her loved ones. She received her formal education in the public schools of Roxboro, North Carolina. Upon completion of Person County High School, she furthered her education at North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina. In 1969, Shirley adventurously relocated to Baltimore, Maryland. In September 1991, she attended Baltimore City Police Academy where she obtained her certification as a Police Officer. She was employed by Mass Transit Administration for 12 years. At an early age, Shirley joined the Shady Hill Baptist Church in Roxboro, North Carolina. On September 17, 1998, Sister Thorpe joined the Deeper Life Church of the 21st Century. Her religious affiliation allowed her to hold several positions. In 2001, Shirley was ordained to be a Trustee, a position she upheld to the highest. She also was a faithful member of the Women’s Fellowship, the Righteous Available Women Auxiliary known as “RAW,” and DORCAS, a servant ministry of the church. Shirley was a very valuable asset of her church. She continued to function as a worship warrior even during her illness. As a “DEVOUT CHRISTIAN,” the depth of her faith allowed her to be extremely positive in spite of the adversities she faced. She loved her church, pastor, first lady, and members. In Baltimore, Shirley met Howard m. Thorpe and they were wed on July 4, 1970. God blessed this

union with three sons whom she cherished. They include the late Howard M. Thorpe II, who preceded her in death on April 6, 2000, Aaron D. and Dominique N. Thorpe. Shirley was an exemplary mother, grandmother, role model, Christian, sister and friend. Some of her passions were traveling, reading, studying GOD's Word, watching inspirational TV Ministry, and enjoying her grandchildren. These gave her pleasure, comfort and peace. However, her greatest passion was her knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley A. Thorpe

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“ Shirley was a good friend. I will miss her. May your family find comfort in a scripture by Jesus (John 11:25) I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life. Shirley did exercise faith. May God Bless your family and be with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Carolyn Jackson##imported-end##

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“ My sincere condolences to the family and friends of Shirley. It seems so unfair that death should have the power to take away someone we love. However, the bible is a source of comfort particularly at Acts 24:15 which expresses a resurrection hope. Yes, Almighty God Jehovah, through his Reigning King, Jesus Christ, will bring back our beloved ones into a paradise. May you all continue to find comfort and encouragement from the Holy Scriptures.##imported-begin##V Adams##imported-end##

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“ The North Elementary Faculty and Staff would like to express our sincere sympathy at the loss of your loved one. We pray that God will comfort and keep you during this time of bereavement.##imported-begin##North Elementary Faculty & Staff##imported-end##

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“ AS A FIRST COUSIN , I WILL TRULY MISS THE LOVE AND JOY THAT FOLLOWED SHIRLEY WHENEVER PEOPLE WAS IN HER PRESENCE...R.I.P.##imported-begin##JOHNNY PETTIFORD##imported-end##

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“ Aunt (Ann) Shirley was a wonderful person and a beautiful soul, she is loved so much, not only by her family but is evident (by the turn out at her memorial service) by so many other people. I am her nephew, and will miss her loving smile and her beautiful contagious laughter. Her memory will live forever in our hearts.##imported-begin##Bobby Holloway, Jr.##imported-end##

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“ I would personally like to thank each and everyone for the kindness shown during the homegoing of my sister, Ann. She was a sister that I could talk to and know that the advice given was sincere and straight from her heart. Although I miss her so much, I am able to push aside my selfish feelings of wanting her to stay here with us; and I can let go and rejoice in the "truth" that she suffers no more. My Dear Sister, you will forever be remembered. Love & Kisses from Baby Girl - a.k.a. Abigail (smile)##imported-begin##Shelby McCoy Pettiford##imported-end##

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“ Hello Family & Friends, I am so sorry to hear of your loss and I am offering my condolences. The scriptures can be of great comfort to us all. I am reminded of the scripture at Revelation 21:3,4 where Almighty God says that he is going to wipe the tears from our eyes and death will be no more neither will mourning nor crying nor pain be any more. May you be comforted by this scripture.##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah 55:11 states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ I'm very sorry to hear about your loss. I know it is very hard to lose someone, but the bible speaks of a time when people will forever. What a joy it will be when we welcome ones that we've lossed. May you find comfort at Rev 21:3-4)##imported-begin##sorry2 hear##imported-end##

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