



Shirley C. Chance

February 6, 1932 - February 15, 2013

Shirley Chase Chance departed this life to be with the Lord on Friday, February 15, 2013.

She passed peacefully surrounded by her two daughters, son-in-law, grandchildren and nieces.

Born on February 6, 1932 in West Baltimore, Shirley was the fifth child of Carrie and Frank

Chase and grew up amidst a large extended family of aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins. Her siblings,

Mamie, Henrietta, Bernice, Herbert and Augustus preceded her in death.

Shirley received her primary education at Robert Brown Elliott School, attended Booker T.

Washington Jr. High School and completed her public school education at Frederick Douglass High

School where she graduated in June of 1950. She then attended Cortez Peters Business School, graduating in 1953.

During the course of her young adult life, Shirley was employed at the main branch of Enoch

Pratt Public Library, the Baltimore City School Board, Western District of the Baltimore City Police

Department and the Department of Welfare where she met her husband, the late Edward Anderson

Chance. For the bulk of her career, however, she worked at the main headquarters of the Social Security Administration in Baltimore for over twenty-five years before retiring in 1993.

Shirley was the devoted mother of three. Firstborn Julia Anne arrived in September of 1962, followed by Elise Chinyere in December of 1967 and son, Edward Anderson Jr. in April of 1973. She was actively involved in the lives of her children as a PTA member, Campfire Girls mom and various fundraising activities.

She was christened at her family church, Saint Peter Claver. As an adult she joined All Saints Church where she was a member for more than forty-five years. She was a founding member of the choir, served as president of the Women of All Saints and belonged to the Prayer Group. She was also an altar server and enjoyed her involvement with the church's Seniors on the Move group.

Dutiful, dependable and dedicated, Shirley believed in civic involvement. She supported husband Ed in his efforts as president of the Baltimore Chapter of the Congress for Racial Equality (C.O.R.E.) and she accompanied him on various demonstrations including the March on Washington and the landmark Baltimore demonstration for the desegregation of Gwynn Oak Amusement Park. Later she was a member of the Woodhaven Avenue Block Association and Friends of Enoch Pratt. An avid reader, Shirley enjoyed discussing books with her literary-loving sisters in the Golo Lono Neai Reading Group.

She was also a volunteer at Our Daily Bread Hot Meal Program.

Shirley liked traveling and visited many states including Hawaii, as well as

Canada, Puerto Rico,

various ports in the Caribbean and Brazil. Closer to home she took pleasure in gatherings with family

and friends, supported us all in good times and bad and was always delighted by the company of little

ones in her life.

Shirley leaves to cherish her memory: children, Julia, Elise and Eddie; son-in-law, Bruce Mussen;

grandchildren, Zidane and Zora Mussen; devoted niece, Marlene Brown; and a host of nieces, nephews,

cousins and dear friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 22. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

FEB 22. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

FEB 23. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

The New All Saints Roman Catholic Church
4408 Liberty Heights Avenue
Baltimore, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Shirley C. Chance

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 4yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

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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.

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