



## Shirley Holmes Coles

October 29, 1935 - May 16, 2021

### Legacy of Life

Shirley Mae Holmes Coles departed this life on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at the Bon Secours Community Hospice House in North Chesterfield County, Virginia. She was the first of two children born to the late Adolphus Morgan and Mildred Ethel Holmes. She was preceded in death by her sister, Jean Austin Holmes Yates and her husband Aubrey Felix Coles. From that union, they had a daughter, Pamela NaChay Coles.

Shirley's early years of education were in Glen Allen where she attended and graduated from Virginia Randolph School. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior at an early age and became a member of the St. James Baptist Church in Eastern Henrico County, where she remained a member.

A hard worker, Shirley held many jobs over the years. She worked as a wig specialist at Southern Wig Corporation, as a bowling alley attendant at Cool Lane Bowling Alley, and was a machine operator at Philip Morris Corporation, where she retired. For many years, she worked the night shift at Philip Morris so that by day, she could provide care for her daughter. Always concerned about the quality of Pamela's health care, Shirley dedicated her life to ensuring the wellbeing and rehabilitation of her daughter and insisted that she had the best physicians and nurses.

“Shirley Mae” as she was affectionately called by family and friends, enjoyed the music of country music legend Willie Nelson, as well as her favorite rhythm and blues artists. She was fun-loving and enjoyed dancing, playing cards, entertaining and cooking for her family during the Easter and Thanksgiving holidays. Trying her hand at various D-I-Y home improvement projects and fishing were also among her hobbies and specialties. No one could cook, clean or “cut up” better than Shirley Mae.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Pamela NaChay Coles; a devoted niece, Denise Y. Dye; a great niece, Morgan Dye-Brown (Johnelle); a great nephew, Adam D. L. Dye; two great great nieces, Amira Brielle Dye and August Simone Brown; one great great nephew, Jamison Ellis Brown; aunts, one devoted, Veora H. Waller; many cousins, and other relatives and friends.

Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.  
Your golden heart stopped beating,  
Your hard working hands to rest.  
God proves to us, He only takes the best.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## Walk through Visitation

MAY 24. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Celebration of Life service with live streaming on website

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# Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Shirley Holmes Coles, Please Click the Link below.*



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**March Funeral Homes** - May 24, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *Shirley Holmes Coles*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - May 18, 2021 at 04:34 PM

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*To the Coles Family  
Our deepest sympathy to you. Our thoughts and prayers to all.*

*Timothy and Wanda Lark*

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**Wanda Lark** - May 23, 2021 at 01:17 PM

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*My deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Shirley Holmes Coles. She was a wonderful person and such a delight to be around. She will be greatly missed.*

*Jonathan M. Mitchum*

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**Jonathan M Mitchum** - May 24, 2021 at 04:16 PM