



Shirley Elizabeth Elder-Parker

August 21, 1950 - December 17, 2022

SHIRLEY ELIZABETH ELDER-PARKER was born on August 21, 1950, in Brooklyn, New York as the only daughter to the late Thelma Monk and Colonel Percy Elder. She transitioned as the sun set on December 17, 2022 at 6:37 p.m.

Shirley attended Forest Park High School in Baltimore City and moved on to attend the Maryland Institute College of Art for the duration of one year where she studied Visual Arts.

On August 21st, her born day, she married her final lifelong partner, Dwayne Leroy Parker. They both resided in Baltimore City for the last thirteen and a half years.

Having an innate passion for humanity, Shirley became employed as an advisor for youth in Baltimore City Public Schools Positive Voices/ Positive Choices, discussing HIV prevention and awareness. She would later gain promotions and certifications so that she could transition to Bon Secours Hospital where she provided services as a peer counselor and health advisor. Mrs. Parker received numerous awards for her dedication and hard work for her 15 years of service. She was recently employed at the Weinberg YMCA in Waverly as an attendant caring for small children.

Shirley was vivacious, high spirited and a big believer in God. She made allies wherever she went and loved to help others in her past time. She was truly favored by many. She will sincerely be missed by many.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, Kylis T. Payne.

Shirley leaves to cherish her memory: husband, Dwayne Leroy Parker; two daughters, Tamara Erica Payne and Glanda Elder-Whiley; four grandchildren, David Anthony Payne, Lauren Byrd, Leah and Bryan Whiley; sister, Mercedes Elder; two brothers, Colonel Percy Elder II (Shaneen) and Jessie J. Elder; one great-granddaughter; son-in-law, Bryan Whiley; two nieces, Janaé C. Elder and Gabriel Elder; two nephews, Brock P. Elder and Brady M. Elder; many goddaughters, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC **29**. 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

DEC **30**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast of funeral for Shirley in memory of Shirley Elizabeth Elder-Parker*



March Funeral Homes - December 30, 2022 at 10:10 AM

EE

“ *Shirley, no more crying, no more sickness, no more worries and no more pain. Just light and truth, love and joy, all in Jesus' name. He used you for his will, that's our cross to bear and our charge to fulfill. You carried the torch, long and though hard at times, you did it well. A trooper, a soldier and fighter to the end. The race is not given to the swift, nor to the strong, but to him that endureth to the end. You did it well. Love Emma L. Elder. RIP.*

Emma Elder - December 30, 2022 at 01:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley Elizabeth Elder-Parker.*



December 29, 2022 at 12:36 PM

TF

“ *The Pettit Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Shirley Elizabeth Elder-Parker.*



The Pettit Family - December 28, 2022 at 12:54 PM

SW

“ *Shirley was the hostess with the mostest no matter whose event it was. I watched her approach guests she didn't know, start a conversation with them and make them feel welcome. I will always remember the dances with her grandson. Love you Shirley, Serena*

Serena Wiley - December 28, 2022 at 03:27 AM

MB

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Praying GOD will comfort & strengthen your hearts. Shirley will be greatly missed, her beautiful smile, joyous presence and keeping us laughing. We love you all ❤️ Marguerite, Reesie, Camille, Vanessa*

Mauricia Buck - December 27, 2022 at 05:26 PM

LM

“ *Sending my heartfelt condolences to the family. I'll always remember the laughs and times you spent going to my prenatal appointments and ultrasounds. You're niece Gabby will miss y'all FaceTimes.*



Lakeyah Sanchez (Gabby's mom) - December 27, 2022 at 01:44 PM

NI

“ I will miss you so much. Your infectious laugh and smile your happy spirit will forever remain in my heart.

Nikki Byers



Nikki - December 27, 2022 at 11:00 AM

JE

“ Big Sis, we love you and will. Miss you dearly. Your oldest brother, Colonel P. Elder, and your sister in law, my wife Shaneen Elder, and your nieces, Janae Elder, and your twin nephews, Brock and Brody Elder and your youngest niece, Gabrielle elder, Jesse's daughter. We will remember all of our shared memories and wish you sweet sleep. RIP.

Jesse Elder - December 26, 2022 at 01:58 PM

JE

“ Big sis, you will be terribly missed. You are very very much loved. Your baby brother, Jesse J. Elder.

Jesse Elder - December 24, 2022 at 08:37 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 - December 20, 2022 at 11:26 AM