



Shirley Roberta Freeman

March 11, 1933 - October 5, 2015

Shirley R. Freeman, the daughter of the late Leslie and Irene Toliver, was born on March 11, 1933 at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore Maryland. Shirley spent every waking moment learning, serving, and loving. After years of managing illness, Shirley transitioned peacefully from her earthly body to unite with her Lord and Savior on October 5, 2015.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, James B. Freeman, brother, John J. Toliver, son, Benjamin L. Freeman, daughter, Sharon O. Davis (son-in-law, Gregory Davis), son, Kyle B. Freeman and dear friend, Leroy Kirkland Sr.

LEARNING

Shirley was a natural lover of education. She had hundreds of books which she loved to read. Her education began in Baltimore City Public Schools. She graduated from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in 1951. She furthered her education at The Community College of Baltimore, earning an AA Degree in 1970. Shirley later obtained a Bachelors of Nursing Degree in 1976 from The University of Maryland. She also took several independent master level courses at Morgan State University.

SERVING

Shirley served her fellow man in many capacities. She was a dedicated nurse during her employment with Johns Hopkins Hospital. She worked in both Urology and Neurology departments, as a Head Nurse. After retiring from Johns Hopkins Hospital, Shirley went on to become a champion for The Baltimore City Office on Aging as an Ombudsman. Shirley was a fearless advocate for the proper treatment of older and vulnerable adults housed in local nursing care facilities. Shirley also taught Nursing courses at Coppin State University at the request of the Dean. In addition to a tireless nursing career, Shirley was an active and devoted member of Mt. Hebron Baptist church where she served numerous roles throughout her 50+ years as a member. Her faith was an integral part of her life. She encouraged everyone to get to know Jesus. Shirley served as a Sunday School Teacher, usher, church nurse, Vacation Bible School Teacher and Trustee.

Shirley was also a member of the NAACP for many long years in addition to being a Notary for the State of Maryland. She served as President of the Nurses Unit for the Maryland Baptist Convention. She also served as the corresponding secretary of the United Nurses of Various churches. Shirley was a long standing member of the Dunbar Alumni Association where she maintained lifelong friendships. In addition, Shirley was active in the New Era Democratic Party.

Shirley's years of serving were frequently recognized. She received numerous accolades, certificates, and citations for her tireless work in her church, community and career. They include but are not limited to: Certificate of Outstanding Urology Nurse (1970-1990); Certificate of Merit (New Era Democratic Club 1987); Certificate of Recognition as one of Baltimore Best (1984); Certificate of Recognition for workshops presented during The Church wide Institute of the B.T.U. and Sunday School Congress of the Maryland Baptist Convention for Nurses and Youth (1987 and 1988); Ombudsman Volunteer Service Award 1990; City of Baltimore, Citizen Citation for

Outstanding Volunteer work for the Commission on Aging, City of Baltimore
Commission on Aging and Retirement, Executive Directors Citation;
numerous certificates of appreciation from Mt. Hebron Baptist Church.

LOVING

Shirley loved her family and they loved her. Shirley leaves to mourn her sister, Christine McNair, daughter, Eunice B. Cooper (Curtis); grandchildren: Curtina Cooper, Darrell Holly (LaShaunda), Shareese Kess-Lewis (Tony), James Cooper, Kyle Freeman, Tiffany Freeman, Delena Freeman, Reginald Cooper; fourteen great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Once accepted into her circle Shirley treated you as family. She had much love for Sharon, Bernadette and Donna. Shirley also had a special place in her heart for Bryleigh and family.

Shirley loved her K-9 family almost as much if not more than people. Shirley loved to travel near and far, exposing her family to different environments and ways of life. Shirley loved to express herself through poetry. Last but not least, Shirley loved the Darley Park Community and did all she could to be of assistance to neighbors and strangers alike, even delivering a neighborhood baby.

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

OCT 9. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

OCT 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Roberta Freeman*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I thank God for people like Sis. Shirley R. Freeman. I met Sis. Freeman when I was the Minister of Music at the Mt. Hebron Baptist Church of Clifton Park. She was a true woman of God. She was a true example of God's love.*

+Bis. George E. M. Stanton, D.Min. - October 08, 2015 at 02:01 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.*

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