



## Shirley Elizabeth Goodson

June 13, 1938 - February 2, 2023

Shirley Goodson entered this world on June 13, 1938 and went home to be with her heavenly father on February 2, 2023.

Shirley was born in Baltimore, MD and was the third oldest of ten children born to John and Mary Franks. She was raised with two sisters, Lillian and Mary; and seven brothers, Calvin, Preston, Paul, Samuel, Jerome, James and Joseph.

In 1952, she met Frank Goodson, Sr. They would be wed on October 27, 1956 and remained so until Frank went home to be with his GOD in November of 2021. They raised their family and were active and involved in the lives of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Shirley was employed by Baltimore City Public Schools. She would remain in their employment until she retired in 1989 to take care of her grandchildren.

Her children hold fond memories of playing with her. She was the best jacks player in the world! Her daughter would be mad when she played because once she got her turn, she would never lose. Her grandchildren fondly remember playing Pitty Pat and I Declare War at their dining room table with her.

She was also a long time member of the Christian Community Church of God,

under the leadership of her pastor and nephew, Dr. Melvin C. Green, whom she loved dearly. Even after she was unable to attend services, she continued to support the ministry with her tithes.

Shirley was a personality! She was outspoken, quick witted and blunt. If she thought it, she said it! She enjoyed talking on the phone and visits from her family. She also loved watching westerns, particularly movies with Cowboys and Indians. She also enjoyed music from the 50's and 60's.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Mary Franks; her husband, Frank; her brothers, Calvin Franks, Samuel Franks, Paul Franks, James Franks and Joseph Franks; her step-daughter, Shirley Ann Player-Eldridge; her daughter, Earlma P. Granger and her son, Wayne A. Goodson.

She leaves to cherish her memory, three daughters, Cynthia (Tyrone, Sr.) Blackwell, Sharon (David) Tomlin, and Angela (Mark) Cooley; one son, Franklin (Linda) Goodson, Jr.; two sisters, Lillian Johnson and Mary (Carl, Sr.) Martin; two brothers, Preston (Marion) Franks and Jerome (Mary) Franks; two beloved sisters-in-law, Lois Franks and Janet Franks; two life-long friends; Louise Albert and Carolyn Montague; four grandson, seven granddaughters; twenty-two great-grandchildren, one great-grandson; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## King Memorial Park

8710 Dogwood Road  
Baltimore, MD 21244

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB 16. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Wake

FEB 17. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christian Community Church Of God  
2701 W. Baltimore St.  
Baltimore, MD

## Funeral Service

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Missing you Auntie and your beautiful spirit. You gave us so much love and laughter. Forever in our hearts.*

*Shelly*

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**Shelly** - July 20, 2024 at 09:13 PM

CH

“ *To my Goodson family. My thoughts and prayers are continually with you.*

*I can truthfully say Mrs. Shirley was one of my best friends even though she was my “best friend’s” mother. I looked forward to our long talks as we reminisced about past events. Her delicious meals would always come up in conversation, especially her fried cabbage. She will be truly missed!*

*Love,  
Carla*

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**Carla Handy** - February 16, 2023 at 10:29 PM

TC

“ *The Barksdale Girls, Mick, Kay and Cindy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Shirley Elizabeth Goodson.*



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**The Barksdale Girls, Mick, Kay and Cindy** - February 16, 2023 at 02:01 PM

BS

“ Every time I eat cabbage I think of Mrs. Shirley. Her cabbage is the best I have ever had. I loved eating at the Goodson's house as a child. She never turned me away although I was there every other day or so. She will always hold a special place in my heart. I am praying for God's comfort and peace to you, my friends. This one is hard to accept but I praise God that she is at peace with Mr. Frank, Boo and Wayne now. Love you all, Kay (Barksdale) Smith

Brenda Smith - February 16, 2023 at 01:52 PM

ST

“ Mom you were the best mother in the world...words cannot express the pain and heartache i am feeling.missing you so much . Love you SHARON



Sharon Tomlin - February 15, 2023 at 02:33 PM

AC

“ Rest peacefully Momma💜🙏 To the world you are our Mother, to the family you are our World. I'm going to miss our talks.😭💔 I love you.

Your daughter,  
Angie💜🙏



Angela Cooley - February 15, 2023 at 11:11 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** - February 08, 2023 at 12:34 PM