



Shirley M. Harris

August 8, 1941 - July 15, 2015

Shirley Mae Harris was born to the late Klutz Wilks and Florence Chisholm Wilks on August 8, 1941 in Chester, South Carolina. She departed this life on July 15, 2015 following a recent illness.

Shirley received her education in the Baltimore City Public Schools, graduating from Carver Vocational High School in the Trade of Cosmetology. Upon completion of high school, she was licensed as a Cosmetologist and began her apprenticeship. Soon after, Shirley became an entrepreneur by purchasing her own salon: Shirley's Gateway to Beauty. Shirley went on to receive a Doctorate of Cosmetology from the National Beauty Culture League INC University. She also received many awards in her field and is respectively known as Doctor Shirley Harris. Dr. Shirley Harris served in her profession both as a State Board Examiner and an Educator in the field of Cosmetology.

On January 26, 1964, Shirley was united in Holy Matrimony to Robert Mosley Harris, also of Baltimore, Maryland and from this union, two sons were born, Robert Harris Jr. (Bobby), and Jace Harris.

Early in age, Shirley accepted Jesus the Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. She later joined Brown's Memorial Baptist Church where she served until joining her brother in organizing the First John Tabernacle Baptist Church. Shirley was very active

at First John, serving as a member of the Willing Worker's, Inspirational Choir and the Combine Choir. Shirley also served as the Church Clerk.

Shirley was known for her lively, friendly and fun loving personality. She was loving, encouraging, gracious and always ready to give when a need arose among a friend or family member. Shirley was a member of several church, social and professional organizations. She enjoyed music and learned to play the piano and keyboard. She loved to showcase her talent and played at many recitals.

Shirley leaves to remember and treasure the many happy moments spent with her: sons, Bobby and Jace; Daughters-in-law, Debra and Kiviette; her mother, Florence Wilks; her sisters, Lillie Grier, Dr. Doris Loftin, and Wilhelmenia Green (who preceded her to glory); brothers, Rev. Dr. Kluttz Chisholm Wilks and Rev. Dr. Bernard Wilks; brothers-in-law, Apostle Calvin Grier and Rev. Dr. Timothy Loftin; sisters-in-law, Jesse Wilks and Annette Wilks (who preceded her to glory); uncle, James Chisholm; eight grandchildren; eight great-grand children; devoted friends, June and Liz (Barnes); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 21. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Wake

JUL 22. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pleasant Rock Bapt.
1099 Scott St.
Baltimore, MD

Service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Shirley M. Harris

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ I am totally shocked and saddened to hear that you are gone, such a wonderful-sweet person, once the love of my life. I just heard of the passing. I often think of the laughter and smile on your face. I find this very hard to believe ,GOD loves you and so do I, In GOD,s arm you can rest in peace .GOD bless you and your family. BOBBY and JACE take care of yourselves.

willie pringle - September 20, 2016 at 09:23 AM



“ She was like a mother to me. Shirley Harris taught me the real definition of Cosmetologist, outside of Carver Vocational. I feel her presence everytime I work in Gateway To Beauty to do hair. I love you & will continue to do what we loved in place that you built. Thank you for blessing me.



Jena Haynes-Campbell - October 27, 2015 at 09:39 AM

AS

“ Where do I begin. You were more than my beautician, you were my mother, my aunt and a good person to talk to, you accepted us into your family. I have been coming to your shop since I was about 6 or 7 I am now 34 years old. There aren't many like you and no one could ever take your place. You took care of more than three generations in my family, even to my daughter now. We all love you and will truly miss you.

Arielle Snowden - August 17, 2015 at 10:37 AM

PL

“ To the family of Ms Harris: I am sorry to read about the loss of your loved one. May you find comfort from your Bibles at Nahum 1:7. GOD is a stronghold in the day of your distress.

Peggy Land - July 23, 2015 at 11:00 PM

CW

“ Your family have the prayers and heartfelt condolences of our family.

Cindy Willis - July 20, 2015 at 10:09 PM

CP

“ It is with our deepest sympathy the family of Keith Massenburg express our love and condolences to the family at this time of sorrow.

Catherine Pearson - July 20, 2015 at 10:27 AM

CA

“ Sorry for your loss, may Jehovah give you comfort in your time of need. 2 Corinthians 2:3,4.

Carolyn - July 20, 2015 at 05:27 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley M. Harris.*



July 17, 2015 at 08:59 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.*

March Funeral Homes - July 16, 2015 at 11:58 AM