



Shirley D. Leach

September 12, 1935 - January 16, 2019

Our dearly beloved, SHIRLEY DELORES LEACH went home to be with the lord on January 16, 2019. On September 12, 1935, she was born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Mabel Estelle Hopkins. She was one of eleven children.

She was married to the late Nathaniel Leach on February 3, 1952, and from this union they had six children.

Shirley was a devoted Christian, a nurturing mother and daughter. Her children were the apple of her eye. She talked about them all the time.

She was very close to her parents, sisters and family. Her brothers and sisters supported each other throughout life. It was a one big happy party when you were around them. The love they had for each other was evident in everything they did because they were always visiting, caring, working, joking, laughing, eating, traveling and shopping with each other.

Shirley attended Dunbar High School, she obtained her GED Bachelor's degree in Education from Coppin State College, her Master's degree in Education at Morgan State University, and her degree in Divinity at the Philadelphia Bible Institute College and Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland. She taught at Harlem Park Elementary School, Dunbar Middle School and Harford Heights Elementary School, throughout her 25-year teaching career.

Pastor loved cooking, family gathering, classic movies going to plays, traveling and all genres of music. Reading was her passion, and she had quite extensive an extensive library.

In her youth, Shirley attended church with her grandmother, Maggie Sommers, and read the bible to her when grandmother could no longer do so. She was also a member of St. Phillips Lutheran Church, and Charity Baptist Church. That's when she felt a burning desire to share the most precious thing in her life, her relationship with her Lord Jesus Christ.

When God called Shirley into ministry, He asked her 'Where is the Church that is called by my Name Afterwards, Shirley rented a one-room storefront church, located at 1800 E. Biddle St. Baltimore Maryland. The church was established and named 'The Good Shepherd Community Church of God and Christ Holiness' on July 19, 1968. Thus began her ministry. For over 'forty-three years, Pastor Shirley Delores Leach, opened and close seven churches throughout East and West Baltimore. In between opening and closing, church services were held in her home.

Her brother, Asst. Pastor Howard Hopkins and her niece, Min Babara Honeycutt Pickett who are members of this church since its opening.

She often said 'I don't want to leave here until my work is done, in the Lord.' Her life's mission was to lead the lost to Christ, to give to the needy, natural and spiritual food.

Shirley's passions were God first, studying the Word of God, teaching and preaching, her church, mentoring other ministers of God, family life, her siblings, her children, friends and community.

To God be the Glory, for allowing us to know this wonderful woman of God, who was wonderfully and beautifully made by him, that He personally sent to us. She had numerous challenges in her life, but like Paul, she ran the race, completed her course, and was victorious until the end. This obituary

does not have the space to write all that she accomplished in her life.

She will be truly missed, but will forever live on, in our hearts.

Pastor Shirley Delores Leach leaves to remember her ;daughters, Patricia A.Leach,Julia Leach Harris;her sons Nathaniel Leach Jr,Russell Allen Leach,Jonathan Leach, Martin Leach(preceded her in death); her brother Howard Hopkins;sisters-in-law ,Jeanette Hopkins and Lillian Hopkins;grandchildren,Marquis D.Matthew ,Jerell Pitt,Ray Leach,Maya Bethea,Christopher Harris,Brandon Leach,Brittany Leach,Russell Leach Jr,Jasmin Leach, Martin Leach Jr,Marquita Leach,Cabria Leach,Crystal Leach(deceased) Daniella Leach,Christine Leach,Kearson Leach,Victoria Leach,Madison Leach,Sydney Leach,Christen Leach, Jonathan Leach Jr; great grandchildren,Aurora Matthew, Patience Matthew,Rubin Matthew,Phoenix Matthew, Christian Matthew, Rayquan Leach(deceased),Caleb LEACH,Christopher Leach,Caya Bethea,Clyde Bethea, Martina Leach,Svetre'Leach, Nahla Leach and Sofia Leach;great-grandchildren,deceased,Ronequla Harris (deceased) Polaris Matthews (deceased) Crystall Leach(deceased),She also leaves a host of nephews,nieces,cousins,other relatives and friends.

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

viewing

JAN 25. 1:00 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

JAN 25. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

JAN **26**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
2301 Guilford Ave.
Baltimore, MD

Service

JAN **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
2301 Guildford Avenue, MD 21218

Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley D. Leach*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Gladys Rogers-Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Shirley D. Leach*



Gladys Rogers-Jenkins - January 25, 2019 at 01:34 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Ms. Shirley*



Donna M. Johnson Carter - January 25, 2019 at 05:22 AM



“ *We love you Ms. Shirley, rest in peace. Thank you for constantly being a Mom to Jerome and I. Your doors were always open to us, your advice, warm hugs and beautiful smile will always be remembered.*

*Love,
The Featherstones*

Pam Featherstone - January 23, 2019 at 09:57 AM

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“ I will always remember your beautiful smile. Thank you for all your prayers and encouraging words. You will always stay in my heart forever.

The Johnson Family: Pete, Treacy, Renee & Benzella. Keep smiling Love You!



Benzella - January 22, 2019 at 10:49 PM

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“ Keep the memories of Shirley close to your heart. Know that God is there for the family during this difficult time. He promises that he will sustain you. I am so sorry for your loss. Isaiah 41:10

The Thomas Family - January 21, 2019 at 11:10 AM

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“ Thank you Aunt Shirley for always having a listening ear, words and prayers for those who were need. I love you.

Carolyn Sanders - January 20, 2019 at 09:36 AM

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“ Aunt Shirley I will always love you and miss you taught me a lot and I will always remember.



Darlene Sanders - January 19, 2019 at 10:55 PM

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“ *To the Family,
At a time like this, reflection on the promises of Almighty God is very comforting. Like the promise at Isaiah 25:8 to swallow up death forever. May these thoughts encourage you during your time of bereavement. Our condolences to you and your family.*

Howard Family - January 19, 2019 at 06:59 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 - January 18, 2019 at 03:17 PM