



Shirley F Reason

April 18, 1936 - June 9, 2022

Shirley F. Reason entered eternal rest on June 9, 2022. She was born on April 18, 1936, in West Baltimore. She was married for 52 years to her husband the late, Howard R. Reason who preceded her in death in March 2013. She was blessed with one child, Anita R. Reason.

Shirley was a graduate of the class of 1954 of Frederick Douglass High School. Following graduation from high school she matriculated and graduated from Morgan State College with Bachelor of Arts degree in History in 1959. She was a member of Promethean Kappa Tau Honor Society at Morgan State University. She continued her studies at Loyola College and Coppin State College and obtaining certifications in education and obtained Maryland State licensure as a Social Worker in 1972.

Shirley's professional career included experience with federal, state, and local government. She worked as a Special Project Supervisor, 1974-1993, Housing Authority of Baltimore and served as Supervisor for Adult Day Care Programs at Govans, West 20th Street and West Belvedere until retiring in 1993 with a Distinguished service award from the Baltimore City Council for 19 years of service.

After she retired, she continued to remain active in church and community affairs. As a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church for over 40 years she served in

a variety of committees including Vice President and Financial Secretary of the Lay Organization; member of Daniel Payne Scholarship Committee; and member of Senior Sunday School Class and Museum Committee. In addition, she served as Recording Secretary for the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Chapter 4636, Baltimore Maryland Chapter.

Shirley was a proud member of Morgan State University Alumni and was a member of the Howard L. Cornish Metropolitan Baltimore Chapter; Recording Secretary for chapter and in 2005 was awarded the Howard L. Cornish Distinguished Service Award and served on the Martin Luther King Planning Committee.

After retiring Shirley, she joined the Waxter Center for Aging in 1993 thru 2007; Served as President of the Waxter Auxiliary Board; and participated in a variety of classes and completed a certificate in Oil Painting. In 2009 she joined and was an active participant at the Zeta Center for Healthy and Active Aging and served on the Advisory Board and participated in a variety of classes at the center and enjoyed the various trips and other activities that were offered. Shirley loved to read and loved to travel including trips across the United States and to Europe.

She visited the sick and shut-in and was always calling to check on others. I will miss all our conversations about the happenings in her various groups and activities. My mother taught me to enjoy life and to be an active participant and to support and serve others. I know she will be sorely missed by all the people she supported through the various community organizations and church organizations. But she will be missed the most by her daughter. Her niece, Ms. Vickie Collins said that Aunt Shirley “never said no” and she supported and assisted her family, throughout her entire life.

Special Thanks to all the caregivers that supported my mother in her later

years including Mr. Walter Jones, Mrs. Virginia Nixon, Ms. Deborah Brown and Ms. Bernice Montgomery and her personal care assistant and adopted nephew, Mr. Brian Batson.

She is survived by her only daughter, Ms. Anita R. Reason; brother-in-law, Mr. William Reaves; and a host of nieces and nephews and extended family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please give to the H.L. Cornish Chapter, MSUAA, P.O. Box 6910, Baltimore, MD. 21216, Please make notation in memo section in memory of Shirley F. Reason or please give to Bethel A.M.E., Daniel Payne Scholarship Ministry, 1300 Druid Hill Ave. Baltimore MD. 21217. Please mention Shirley Reason in notations.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 21. 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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

Wake

JUN 22. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Shirley F Reason, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - June 15, 2022 at 10:07 AM



“ *Shirley F Reason*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Anita I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother, Shirley. Shirley was a dear friend of mine for 75 years .I was not aware of her passing.I am really hurt.GOD Bless and keep you in his loving care forever.*

Ellawaise

ellawaise - June 25, 2022 at 02:21 PM



“ *Carla-Elaine Johnson lit a candle in memory of Shirley F Reason*



Carla-Elaine Johnson - June 22, 2022 at 11:35 AM

BP

“ Barbara Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley F Reason



Barbara Payton - June 22, 2022 at 07:11 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.

March Funeral Homes - June 10, 2022 at 01:13 PM

DB

To the family of the late Shirley Reason
Mrs. Shirley was very kind to everyone and always had an encouraging word and wisdom to share . May God comfort you as only He can.
With Sympathy
Doris Bell
Zeta center member

Doris Bell - June 14, 2022 at 09:28 PM

DG

Anita, you and your family have my deepest condolences on your loss and I will continue to keep you all in prayer.

Demetria Gaines - June 17, 2022 at 09:41 AM

SV

*To Anita and family,
Shirley was also a member of one of the oldest organizations in Bethel A.M.E., "The Bishop Brooks Sunshine Circle." This Organization was like family, and Shirley was a part of our family. Shirley was always pleasant, full of wisdom when she had something to share and she "Loved the Lord."*

May God comfort you and know that we are here for you.

Sydney Vannoy

Former Bishop Brooks Sunshine Circle President

Sydney A. Vannoy - June 17, 2022 at 02:36 PM

SA

My Condolences

Sharon Alexandet - June 22, 2022 at 10:07 AM

CJ

Anita,

Your mother was one of the funniest and kindest persons I've met. She was a fountain of strength after my own mother passed in 2017. I enjoyed our conversations and her generous wisdom. May you find strength, comfort, and healing at this time.

My deepest condolences,

Carla-Elaine Johnson

Carla-Elaine Johnson - June 22, 2022 at 11:33 AM