



Shirley Ann Thomas

September 8, 1937 - July 18, 2014

Obituary

Shirley Ann Lightfoot Thomas departed this life on July 18, 2014 at her home in Glen Allen, Virginia. She was the ninth child born September 8, 1937 to the late Floyd and Juanita Holloway Lightfoot in Richmond, Virginia. She was preceded in death by six brothers, Floyd, Herman, James Henry, Harold, Daniel and Cyrus Lightfoot; and one sister, Alyce L. Hicks.

Shirley accepted Christ at an early age, was baptized and became a member of St. John's United Holy Church in Richmond, Virginia. She later joined St. Paul's Baptist Church where she was a faithful member for over twenty-five years. As a member of St. Paul's she sang with both the Women's and the Gospel Creations Choirs and served as the Coordinator for the Refiner's Ministry. She was an active member of the Young Women's Christian League where she served as Editor of the monthly newsletter.

Shirley received her primary and secondary education in the public schools of Richmond. After graduating from Armstrong High School, she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Virginia Union University and her Masters of Education from Virginia Commonwealth University.

In 1967, Shirley began her thirty-two year teaching career with New Kent

County Public School System as a classroom teacher at George W. Watkins Elementary School and later became Head Teacher at New Kent Primary School. While serving as Head Teacher she was instrumental in designing and implementing curriculum for New Kent Primary School. In 1982, Shirley transferred to Richmond Public School System and worked for RPS until her retirement from Thompson Middle School.

An avid reader, Shirley passed down her love for books and the importance of education to all her nieces, nephews and children that she taught over the years. In her spare time she enjoyed writing, spending time with her family and friends, the Red Hat Club, cooking for large gatherings and traveling. She particularly looked forward to her annual trek to the CIAA Basketball Tournament. She was famous for her culinary skills and her “Day After Christmas Dinner” was an affair not to be missed.

She is survived by her sister, Evelyn Richardson; brother-in-law, Edward Hicks (Jane); a god-daughter, Morgan Leecost; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends; among them a niece, Lisa Hicks-Thomas and a nephew, James Richardson who cared for her during her illness.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

viewing

JUL 24. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

JUL 24. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUL 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
4247 Creighton Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Ann Thomas

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Dear Family,
I would like offer my deepest condolences to your family. In times like these the Bible have proven to be of great comfort. The Bible book of John chapter 5 verses 28 and 29 holds out the hope of a resurrection, and Joshua chapter 21 verse 45 let's us know that God fulfills, his promises. I. hope these Bible passages will bring you some comfort. If you have any comments or questions please e-mail me or go to JW.ORG

rita - August 06, 2014 at 11:12 AM



“ I am very sorry to hear about the loss of your dear loved one, May the God of comfort be with you and your family to help you get through your grief, and sorrow. God said at Isaiah 25:8. He will swallow up death forever., And the Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces. The reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for God himself has spoken it. If you have any questions please go to www.Jw.org.

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“ *Sherwanda Cawthorn lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Thomas*



Sherwanda Cawthorn - July 22, 2014 at 09:58 AM

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“ *Darla Price lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Thomas*



Darla Price - July 22, 2014 at 08:15 AM

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“ *I would like to extend my love and sympathy to my extended family. I will miss my great friend and coworker. Shirley exhibited true friendship, God fearing, kindness to all associated and knew her. I thank her for sharing her family with my mom and me. she will be greatly missed by many especially me. Shirley we love you but God loves you more. See you other the other side one day where we shall continue our talks and laughter. The Promised Land. Deeply heartfelt. Love, Darla and Leatrice Price*

Darla Price - July 22, 2014 at 08:10 AM



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“ I would to send my deepest sympathy on the passing of your family member. I understand that is a difficult time for you and hope these following words can bring you some comfort. They are found at John 5: 28, 29. They say "Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, and those who practice vile things to a resurrection of judgment."

LaToya Johnson - July 21, 2014 at 04:23 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.

March Funeral Homes - July 21, 2014 at 03:51 PM