



Shirley Ann Watkins

August 29, 1940 - December 26, 2025

REFLECTION OF LIFE

Our Angel on earth has returned to her Heavenly Father. Shirley Ann Watkins born August 29, 1940, in Richmond, VA., transitioned into the arms of the Lord on December 26, 2025.

Shirley was preceded in death by her father, Andrew Lee Strother and mother, Aretha Jackson, brothers, Andrew Lee Strother, Jr. and Martin Strother and her beloved daughter, Andrea Allen. Our adored mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt & friend will be forever and lovingly remembered by her three daughters, Valerie Watkins, Patricia Powell, Angela Eaton (Anthony). Three brothers; Melvin Strother, James Tiller (Roslyn) and Alvin Strother (Betty); two sisters, Florence Strother & Annie "Teresa" George. One preceded in death grandchild, seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, close and devoted friends.

A graduate of Maggie L. Walker High School, she went on to work and retire from Sears, Roebuck & Co.

More than that, Shirley did God's work by living a life of service to family, friends and her community. Most notably, she was a faithful, active and devoted member of New Cannan Baptist Church, where she was a missionary, a former choir member, and daycare employee, which included

cooking and transporting children. Such dedication, and giving- of- herself nature,earned Shirley the esteemed title "Mother of the Church."

Mother Shirley will always be remembered for her kindness,humor, and her nurturing spirit. Her hobbies were fishing,playing board games with her daughters and grandkids, and she was an avid Philadelphia Eagles fan. She leaves a legacy of motherly-love.compassion, & warmth that will live on in those she touched in her life. Shirley lived by God's blessing for those who generously give of themselves. As stated in Act 20:25, "It is more blessed to give than received." In this life, Mother Shirley Ann Watkins gave abundantly.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memory Gardens

13389 Mountain Road
Glen Allen, VA 23059

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes
2110 E Laburnum Ave
Richmond, VA 23222-2413
(804) 321-4200

Funeral Service

JAN 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue
Richmond, VA 23222
(804) 321-4200
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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Shirley Ann Watkins*



March Funeral Homes - January 02 at 01:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Watkins.*



January 09 at 10:34 AM



“ *Brenda & Charlie Rivers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Ann Watkins.*

Brenda & Charlie Rivers - January 09 at 10:34 AM

PT

“ *Our sincere and heartfelt condolences to Angela Watkins and Anthony Eaton and the family members of Ms. Shirley Ann Watkins. We pray for comfort and peace during this difficult time and in the days ahead. God bless.*

The Family of Judge and Mrs. John C. Thomas

Pearl Thomas - January 08 at 05:36 PM

JW

“ *John and Pam Wills purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shirley Ann Watkins.*



John and Pam Wills - January 08 at 11:23 AM

YS

“ *Yvonne Dawson and Sons purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Shirley Ann Watkins.*



Yvonne Dawson and Sons - January 06 at 12:26 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.

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