

CELEBRATING THE GOOD LIFE OF

Shelly M. Penix



HONORARY PALLBEARERS

*Jean Scott, George Thrower, Eric Goranson,
Marilyn Von Waldner and Mariah Ureel
Ainsworth United Church of Christ Church Family*



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Blanton, Penix and Hinton Families wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, kindness and support during this time of bereavement. May God bless each of you in His loving care.

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GOING HOME CELEBRATION

Friday, January 17, 2025 at 11:00am

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Reverend Cecil Prescod, Officiant

Obituary

Shelly Mae Blanton was born on March 17, 1935, in Birmingham, Alabama to Shelly and Blanche Blanton. This union produced three children: two boys and one girl. Raised in a Christian and loving home, Shelly matriculated throughout the public school system in Birmingham.

As an adult, Shelly followed her aunt Evelyn Nelson to Portland, Oregon in the fifties to be with other family members, specifically the Crews Family, who resided in the City of Roses. It was supposed to be a short visit, but Shelly ended up staying for over 65 years in Oregon, establishing her roots in Northeast Portland by becoming a homeowner and cultivating her journey in North Portland. She loved her community and her neighbors, and they loved her. Shelly was able to secure employment, became a homeowner, found a solid church home and a loving husband with a church merger between St. Andrews United Church of Christ and Ainsworth United Church of Christ. She was a member of the choir, prayer group and other various organizations. In 1979, through their love of the Lord, Shelly married Mr. Cartez Penix. She also gained a loving bonus family. They were married for 30 years until his death in 2009. They were devoted members of the church.

She was employed by Oregon Health Science University Hospital (OHSU) and worked in Environmental Services as a Technician. She retired in 1997. Shelly was known for her soft spokenness and gentle nature.

She had a kaleidoscope of interest like reading, cooking, working in her yard, going to the movies and attending family gatherings near and far. If chewing gum was an Olympic sport, she would win hands down. Her favorite, Wrigley's Doublemint, just one stick... lol. Shelly also loved to sing. Not only was she a member of her church choir, occasionally, she would accompany her

aunt, Evelyn Nelson, and join in on the Wednesday Night Prayer Band at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Most of all, she enjoyed and loved spending time with her family and friends. It meant the world to her. She welcomed every house visit and cherished every phone call with that infamous tagline of hers and twirling that 'r', "Hi, how a-r-r-r-e you?" in that southern drawl that never left her.

One of her favorite pastimes was sending cards. She was a walking Rolodex when it came to remembering birthdays. It did not matter what the season was or the reason, she just wanted you to know that she was thinking about YOU! On the political scene, she was very astute and did not miss a beat. She would be quick to tell you exactly how she felt about what was going on in the world today. Her pure goodness and generosity will be missed.

Shelly's legacy continues through her son Bennie E. Blanton and it shines through her grandsons, Quincy, Quinton and Quindre Blanton. One very special daughter of love, Carolyn Hinton and three grand loves, Sandra Robinson, Janice Minor and Barbara Hinton all from Portland, Oregon. From Birmingham Alabama: her brother, Henry James Blanton Sr., sister in love: Mary (Mae) Blanton, nephews: Henry James Jr., Kenneth Wayne and Adrian Blanton and niece Patricia Ransom. One sister, Dozier Mae Pope and host of nieces and nephews from Cleveland, Ohio. Cousins: Synetta Morris, Donald (Linda) Foster, Terry Lynn and Felicia D. Robertson, Briania Robertson-May, Abriya Jones and the Crews Family all from Portland, Oregon. Welcoming Shelly into heavenly peace, she will be reunited with her beloved husband Cartez, her loving parents Shelly and Blanche, her big brother, Bennie M. Blanton, her aunt Evelyn Nelson and cousins Sadie Crews and Edna Robertson and many more. Shelly Mae, you were truly a special piece of goodness on this earth, and you will be truly missed. Rest well.