

IN  
LOVING  
MEMORY  
OF



*Sharon Yvonne Smiley*

SUNRISE                      SUNSET  
DECEMBER 1, 1956 | AUGUST 8, 2026

THURSDAY – AUGUST 20, 2026

VISITATION: 10:00 AM  
SERVICE: 11:00 AM

THE CHAPEL OF PEACE NORTH  
2500 CLEVELAND AVENUE  
COLUMBUS, OH 43211

## Obituary

Sharon Yvonne Smiley, better known as Shaye, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, cousin, and friend, passed away peacefully on August 8, 2026, at the age of 69.

Shaye was a woman whose life was defined by the love she gave to the people around her. She was a mother who loved her children, a grandmother who cherished her grandchildren, and a great-grandmother whose family was a source of tremendous joy and pride.

Shaye is preceded in death by those she loved dearly, including her parents: Marie Gresson and Lenton Bynes; her grandparents: Frank and Gracie Lee Smith; her husbands: John Wooden Sr. and Benjamin Smiley; her siblings: Marquita Gresson, and Darryl Gresson; her nieces: La Quita Bynes, Amber Gresson, and David Hodges. She now joins them in eternal rest.

Sharon leaves behind two loving Children: Shonda Byron and John Wooden Jr; five Grandchildren: Markell Wooden, Imani Byron, Jaleel Byron, Brianna Byron and Marlin Byron II; four Great-Grandchildren: Javiyah Byron, Kailah Hughlett, Nerina Wooden, Italia Wooden, along with her Sisters: Lynette Perkins, Vivian Wooden, Adrienne Gresson, and Joan Gresson; Brothers: Derek Bynes and Johnny Gresson, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends who were blessed to know and love her.

To her family, Shaye was more than just a mom, grandmother or great-grandmother. She was a part of the foundation of their family - a person whose presence, love, memories, and lessons will continue to live on through the generations she helped shape.

Although our hearts are heavy with the pain of losing her, we are grateful for the years, memories, laughter, love, and moments we were blessed to share with her. Her life touched many people, and the love she gave will continue to live on in each person who carries a piece of her in their heart.

Shaye will be deeply missed, but she will never be forgotten. Her memory will live on through her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, siblings, family, friends, and all those who had the privilege of knowing her.

Rest peacefully, Shaye. You are loved, you are missed, you will never be forgotten, and will remain in our hearts forever!

### *Remember Me*

To the living, I am gone,  
To the sorrowful, I will never return,  
To the angry, I was cheated,  
But to the happy, I am at peace,  
And to the faithful, I have never left.

I cannot speak, but I can listen.  
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.  
So as you stand upon a shore gazing at a beautiful sea,  
As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity,  
Remember me.

Remember me in your heart:  
Your thoughts, and your memories,  
Of the times we loved,  
The times we cried,  
The times we fought,  
The times we laughed.  
For if you always think of me, I will never have gone.

# Order of Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE....."His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

PARTING VIEW

SCRIPTURE READING.....A. Joan Gresson

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: John 14: 1-3

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....A. Joan Gresson

MUSICAL SELECTION....."Take Me To The King"  
By: Tamela Mann

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES.....Sanetha Riley

REMARKS.....Family and Friends  
Two Minutes Please

READING OF THE OBITUARY.....A. Peaches (Lynette Perkins)

MUSICAL SELECTION....."It Is Well"  
The Hymns 2026 by CeCe Winans

## THE EULOGY

Minister Malik Crosswhite

BENEDICTION.....Minister Malik Crosswhite

RECESSIONAL.....Clergy, Family and Friends  
"Going Up Yonder"  
By: Tremaine Hawkins

## Until We Meet Again

We think about you always,  
We talk about you still,  
You have never been forgotten,  
and you never will.

We hold you close within our hearts,  
and there you will remain,  
to walk and guide us through our lives, until we meet again.



## *Interment*

**Northlawn Memory Gardens**  
7060 State Route 3 – Westerville, OH 43082

## *Pallbearers*

**Johnny Gresson – Zion Gresson – Jaleel Byron  
Clinton Gresson – George Gresson – Imani Byron  
Marlin Byron II – Markell Wooden**

## *Acknowledgements*

The family of Sharon Smiley (Shaye) would like to sincerely thank everyone who has reached out to us during this difficult time.

Your prayers, texts, visits, calls, kind words, and thoughtful acts of love have meant more to our family than words can express. Every message, every hug, and every expression of sympathy have reminded us that Shaye was deeply loved and that we are not alone as we grieve her passing.

We are especially grateful to our family and friends who have stood beside us, offered a listening ear, helped in any way they could, and continued to surround us with love and support.

Although our hearts are broken by the loss of Shaye, we find comfort knowing that she touched so many lives and will continue to live on through the memories we hold dear. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for loving her, remembering her, and keeping our family in your thoughts and prayers.  
With love and sincere appreciation,

**The Family of Sharon Smiley (Shaye)**



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