



THE LIFE AND LEGACY

SHIRLEY

D. Ford-Nichol

JULY 11, 1971 — MAY 11, 2026

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026 | 9:30 am

Deliverance Jesus Is Coming Church

815 Springfield Ave, Irvington, NJ 07111

Bishop Vanessa Everett - Senior Pastor

Overseer Vincent E. Ford - Eulogist



SHIRLEY

P. Ford-Nichol

“Well done, thy good and faithful servant.” – Matthew 25:21

Shirley P. Ford-Nichol was called home to glory on Monday, May 11, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of unwavering faith, fierce love, and joyful generosity. Born on July 11, 1971, in Jersey City, New Jersey, Shirley was a woman whose life was a testament to the grace of God and the beauty of a life lived in full purpose.

Rooted in faith from her earliest years, Shirley received her foundational education at Sacred Heart Elementary School in Jersey City, where the seeds of her devotion were first planted. She went on to graduate from the Academy of Saint Aloysius in 1989 and in 1993 earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology/ Medical Social Work from Bloomfield College – a degree that reflected her God-given calling to serve and care for others.

Shirley’s professional life was a natural extension of her heart for service. She began her career with Newark Emergency Services for Families before dedicating herself to the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (formerly the Division of Youth and Family Services) in New Jersey, where she faithfully served families for decades, retiring in 2023 as a Supervising Family Service Specialist II. In every role, she was not merely an employee – she was an advocate, a guardian, and a light.

Faith was the cornerstone of Shirley’s life. A devoted member of Deliverance Evangelistic Center in Newark, New Jersey, it was within that sacred community that she found her husband, David Nichol, whom she married in 2000, and built a life rooted in covenant love. Shirley would later become a “watch care” member of the Bible-way Deliverance Center of Roselle, NJ.

A proud member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated since 1992, Shirley’s Greek journey began at the Psi Lambda Chapter as an undergraduate and continued through her devoted service in the Sigma Zeta Zeta Chapter of Hudson County as a graduate member. Throughout her years of sisterhood, she served in numerous capacities – including 2nd Vice President, Parliamentarian, Chapter Chaplain, Fundraiser Chairperson, Bylaws Committee Chairperson, Member of the New Members Intake Committee, and ZHope Committee member. Her leadership was not merely positional; it was personal. In 2016, the sorors of Sigma Zeta Zeta bestowed upon her the distinguished honor of Zeta of the Year – a recognition voted on by her sisters for the member who worked tirelessly for the chapter while exemplifying Sisterly Love and Finer Womanhood in its truest form. It was an honor that captured exactly who Shirley was: someone who gave her all, not for recognition, but because service was simply in her nature.

To know Shirley was to know laughter, warmth, and an abundance of love. She was the friend & family member who showed up – with a prayer, a plate of food, or a perfectly crafted cocktail in hand. A gifted cook and creative hostess, she had an extraordinary talent for bringing people together around a table and making everyone feel cherished. She was funny, generous, and fierce – a true prayer warrior who never stopped interceding for the people she loved.

She was preceded in death by her father, Herman James Ford, and her brother, Donald P. Ford, along with grandparents, aunts and uncles.

She Leaves to Cherish Her Memory, husband David E. Nichol, sons: Daniel James & Jonathan David Nichol; granddaughter Mariah Dainelle Nichol, Loving mother; Shirley T. Ford, Three brothers; Ronald H. Ford, Stacey J. Ford & Overseer Vincent E. Ford. (bonus Brother & Sister) Jack and Jeanette (Cookie) Teamor, Three Brother in laws, Derrick, Ralph Jr. & Christopher Nichol, Six Sister in Laws, Kim Ford, Yvette Nichol, Amecia Nichol, Dawn Nichol-Manning, Cherise Nichol- Rawls, Nicole Nichol. Her Two Best Sister Friends for over Forty years, Joy Dorsey Whiting & Sonya Burnham.

Five Aunts, a host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins & Friends who will forever treasure her memory and the Love and Joy she brought to their lives.



Shirley P. Ford - Nichol
beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, friend, and servant of God.
“Her work is done. Her crown is won”.



VICTORY CELEBRATION

Bishop Wayne L. Johnson Presiding

Prelude – (Soft Music)

ProcessionalClergy & Family

Old Testament ReadingPastor Anthony Powell Sr. /Job 19:25-27

New Testament Reading Minister Marjorie Spearman/John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Quanceletta Pittman

Selection Min. Bernadine Wilson-Gibson

Reflections - Please Limit to 3 Minutes each

Sacred Heart Alumni Class of 1985 Ms. Tara Faulkner

Best FriendsJoy Dorsey-Whiting & Sonja Burnham

Family Dr. Kecia Sturdivant (Sister Cousin)

Husband and Sons Tribute..... David E. Nichol, Daniel James & Jonathan Nichol

Resolutions & Acknowledgements Elder Tayae Brown

Obituary Read Silently

Selection Pastor Gloria Parker

Words of Comfort Overseer Vincent E. Ford, Exec. Pastor
Bibleway Deliverance Center Roselle, NJ

Recessional

*Family members please proceed immediately to your vehicles





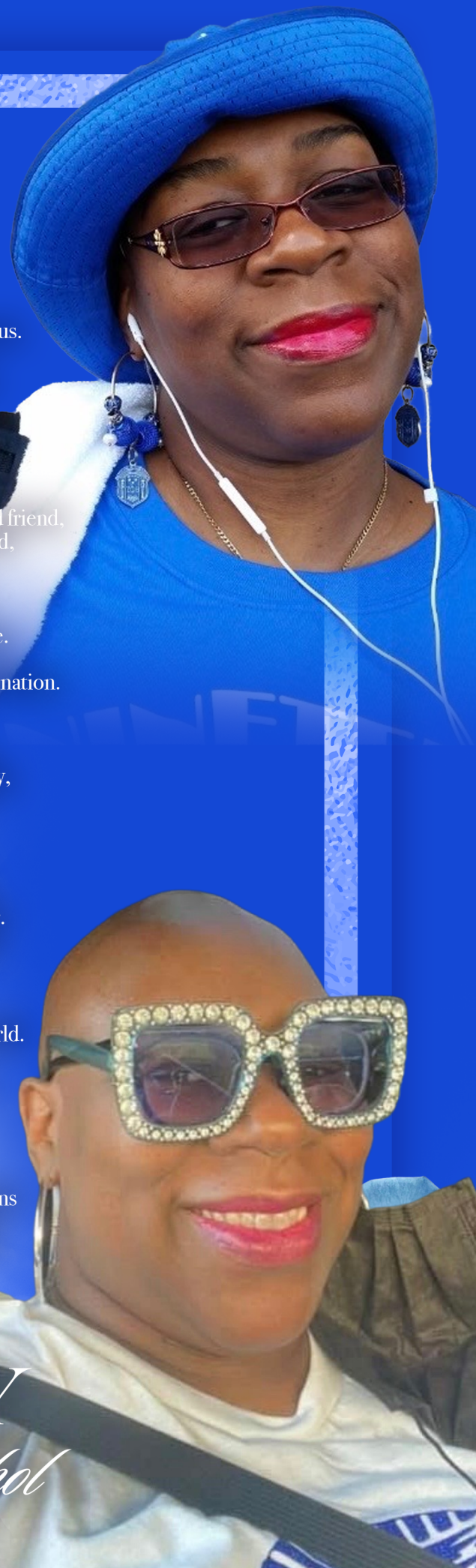




Today we gather with heavy hearts
To honor a woman whose love still lives among us.
Though her voice is quiet now,
Her kindness still echoes in every memory,
Every laugh shared,
Every life she touched.
She was strength when days were hard,
Comfort when hearts were weary,
And love when it was needed most.
A devoted mother, wife, daughter, grandmother, and friend.
She gave pieces of herself to everyone she loved,
And somehow never ran empty.
Her smile could brighten dark moments,
Her spirit could lift tired souls,
And her presence made a house feel like home.
Even in difficult times,
She carried herself with courage, grace, and determination.
Though tears fall today,
We are grateful for the gift of her life.
For the lessons she taught without words,
For the memories that can never be taken away,
And for the love that death cannot erase.
She may rest beyond our sight,
But never beyond our hearts.
For true love does not end at goodbye—
It lives on in family, in memory, in legacy,
And in every heartbeat of those who loved her.
So today we do not only mourn her passing,
We celebrate her journey,
Her strength,
Her laughter,
And the beautiful light she brought into this world.
May she rest peacefully,
And may we carry her love with us always.

Thank you for your Prayers and kind expressions
of Sympathy for our family during this time.
We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness;
it will always be remembered.

SHIRLEY
L. Ford-Nichol



A woman with glasses and a gold necklace stands in a white, flowing dress against a blue sky with white clouds. A large, vibrant blue rose is positioned behind her. The bottom of the image is filled with a dense field of blue hydrangea flowers. The entire scene is framed by a blue border with a subtle floral pattern.

*Always In
Your Heart*

Picture me as I was,
full of life and love.
Although I'm not with you now,
I'm watching from above.
I know how much
you miss me,
and I miss you too.
It was my time to leave,
as each of us will do.
Although not in your arms,
I'm always in your heart.
The precious love we shared,
means we're never far apart.

Love,

Shirley

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

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PALL BEARERS

DANIEL JAMES NICHOL
JONATHAN DAVID NICHOL
STACEY J. FORD
BENJAMIN L. FORD
STACEY M. FORD
VINCENT D. FORD
REUBEN A. FORD

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

RONALD H. FORD
EDWARD CAMPBELL

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE SHOWN LOVE AND SUPPORT THROUGH CALLS, VISITS, FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS, AND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT. YOUR KINDNESS WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED. MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP EACH OF YOU IN HIS CARE.

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