

Pallbearers and Floral Bearers

Grandsons and Granddaughters

A Million Times

A million times we've needed you, a million times we've cried
If love alone would have saved you, you never would have died.

In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still
In our hearts you hold a place, no one else will ever fill,
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you, the day God took you home.

Acknowledgements

The family of

Shirul Ann Pearson Ford

would like to express our sincere thanks to all of you, for your prayers, cards, food, visits, and words of encouragement during our time of bereavement. We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers. May God richly bless you for your love and support!

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Shirul Ann Pearson Ford



Monday, July 6, 2026
11:00AM

Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church
609 Manning Avenue
Sumter, SC 29150

Pastor Marion H. Newton
Officiant

Pastor Ricky Simmons
Eulogist



Life Reflections

Shirul Ann Pearson Ford was born October 11, 1939 in Sumter, SC. She departed this life Monday, June 29, 2026 at her home surrounded by her family. She was the daughter of the late Robert “Bob” Pearson and Mary Rock Pearson.

She received her education in the public schools of Sumter County. She was a dedicated employee of Tuomey Hospital for over thirty years, serving the medical community with distinction from 1970 until her well earned retirement in 2001.

A lifelong woman of faith, she was a devoted member of Bethel AME Church for many years. After marrying her loving husband, the late James “Buster” Ford Sr., she transitioned to Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church. She remained highly active in her new congregation serving with the Golden Ministry and singing with the Gospel Choir. She also extended her heart to service in her local community as a committed member of the Pinedale Neighborhood Association.

She leaves to cherish precious memories, five devoted children: Gwendolyn (Johnny) Washington, Ricky (Tina) Ford, James Ford Jr., Robert Ford and Brenda (Perry) Tiller all of Sumter, SC; her legacy will continue through her thirteen grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren; her brother, Ervin (Patricia) Pearson of Atlanta, Georgia; her sister-in-law, Mary R. Pearson of Baltimore, Maryland; two uncles, Moses (Christian) Bracey of York, PA, and Cyrus Bracey of Chicago, Illinois; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and her sister, Mary “Kit” Canada, and brother, Robert “Bobby” Pearson.



The Order of Service
Pastor Marion H. Newton, Officiating

Prelude	Shonda English	
Processional & Viewing	Clergy and Family	
Opening Hymn	Combined Choir and Congregation <i>What A Friend We Have In Jesus</i>	
Old Testament	Psalm 23	Pastor Nate Brock
New Testament	John 14:1-7	Pastor Gwendolyn Thompson White Shepherd United Methodist Church, Sumter SC
Prayer	Pastor Mary Jane Ragins Anchor International Ministries, Sumter, SC	
Selection	<i>Order My Steps</i>	The Combined Choir
Reflections: <i>(please limit to 3 minutes)</i>		
Church	Minister Hallie Wilson	
Community	Pastor Burdell Hill Emancipation Missionary Baptist Church, St. Matthews, SC	
Family	Elder Barrington Pierson, <i>Cousin</i> St. Paul Pentecostal Holiness Church, Sumter, SC	
Acknowledgements	Deaconess Thomasina Wilson	
Solo	<i>I Shall Wear A Crown</i>	Shonda English
Words of Comfort	Pastor Ricky Simmons	
Call to Discipleship		
Recessional	Medley of Songs	
Committal, Benediction and Interment Hillside Memorial Park		