

Acknowledgements

The family of Shelia Jeannette Haralson would like to express their sincere gratitude to everyone for your prayers, phone calls, food deliveries, meal train and condolences at our time of bereavement. Special thank you to New Hope Church of The Christ and Memorial Church International for all the love, time and acts of kindness shown.

Pallbearers

Barry Boyd | Anthony Boyd
LeRon Williams | Benjamin Turner
Lemuel Williams III | Randy Brown
Carlton Jackson | Christopher Weston IV

Honorary Pallbearers

Richard Herring | DeVennis Brown | Marcus Herring
Michael Haralson Jr. | Reniel "Jup" Jupiter | Anthon Herring
Terrance Jefferson | Dominick Brenson Jr. | Keith Turner
Terry Clay | Gerrie Herring | Jalen Wyley

Interment

Brooking Cemetery
10004 E. 53 rd Street
Raytown, Missouri 64130

Repast

Memorial Church International
Fellowship Hall
11424 Hickman Mills Drive
Kansas City, Missouri 64134

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A Pink Celebration In Honor Of The Queen



Shelia Jeannette **HARALSON**

September 3, 1955 | February 25, 2026

Saturday, March 14, 2026
Visitation 10:00 A.M. Service 11:00 A.M.

Memorial Church International
11424 Hickman Mills Drive
Kansas City, Missouri 64134

Bishop Bruce Walker, Officiant

Reflections of Life

Shelia Jeannette Haralson, age 70, passed away on February 25, 2026, at Research Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri. Shelia was born on September 3, 1955, in Kansas City, Missouri to Birdis O. Herring II and Priscilla L. (Lewis) Herring Ford. She grew up in Kansas City and was the middle child of ten siblings, a position that helped shape her deep appreciation for family, connection, and togetherness. Growing up in a large family taught her the importance of love, resilience, and supporting one another—values she carried with her throughout her life.

Shelia attended Central High School and later received her GED from the University of Missouri on May 18, 1976.

At a young age, Shelia was baptized at Friendship Baptist Church, beginning a lifelong journey of faith and service to the Lord. She later continued her spiritual calling and was ordained as an Evangelist/Minister of the Gospel on April 22, 2007, at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Lee Freeman Sr. During her time there, she also served as the Director of the Young Matrons, mentoring and guiding young teenage girls in faith, leadership, and personal growth. In June 2025, she was elevated to Elder at New Hope Church of Christ Non-Denominational under the leadership of Bishop Bruce Walker.

Throughout her life, Shelia built a strong and diverse career marked by dedication and service. She began working at a young age, with her first job pumping gas for \$1.50 on Blue Parkway. She later worked as a Cashier at Buy Right before serving as a Secretary and Bookkeeper at St. Mark's Church. Shelia went on to spend 25 years as a Benefits Analyst at Western Auto and later continued her work in the financial and benefits field at UMB Bank. Her professional journey also included roles with JP Morgan/Empower Retirement, where she served as a Client Service Manager, Trustee Financial Advisor, and Benefits Analyst. In addition to her corporate career, Shelia faithfully served her church community as the Church Clerk and Financial Secretary at New Hope Church for several years.

Shelia was known for her vibrant personality and love for life. In the 1970's she was a proud member of the Hot Wheels Skate Club, and she always enjoyed roller skating. She also loved fishing, traveling, and spending time with family. She had a special love for all shades of pink, which reflected her bright spirit and joyful personality. Shelia was also a two-time breast cancer survivor, showing incredible strength, faith, and resilience throughout her life.

Shelia met Richard Pruitt, and from that relationship they welcomed two children, Richard and LaKisha. Later, Shelia married Michael E. Haralson. They shared 40 years of marriage together. From this union, the family grew, as Shelia gained another son, Michael Haralson Jr.

Shelia was preceded in death by her loving husband, Michael E. Haralson; her parents, Birdis O. Herring II and Priscilla L. (Lewis) Herring Ford; her grandparents: Birdis O. Herring Sr. and Roger Herring, Percival Sturges and Finnetta Woodbury Lewis Sturges, her aunt, Hollie Lewis Trotter; her uncle, Ben Trotter; her niece, Tashonna Williams Bonner; her granddaughter, Roneca Herring; and two sons, Ronald Pruitt Sr. and Demarco Knott.

Left to cherish Shelia's memory: her children, Richard Herring (Moneca), LaKisha Johnson, Marquita Pruitt Stone, Ronnetta Pruitt, Michael Haralson Jr., and KaMarionia Morgan; her bonus children: Relliah Harris, Venice Beasley-Appiah, Yvonne Comas, Vernell Woods and Terry Clay.

She also leaves to cherish: five brothers: Gerrie Herring, Anthon Herring, Marcus Herring (Drenna), Roger Taylor (Alisha), and Josh Wright; seven sisters: Hollis Boyd, Vashti Williams (Lemuel II), Marcia Wagner, Myra Keatings, Birdella Taylor, Burnett Brook (Gregg), and Carla Wright; one aunt, Sylvia Edwards of Rahway, New Jersey; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, church family, and friends. Shelia leaves a loving legacy through her grandchildren: MiKeya Weston, Sunnie Carney, Cidney Woods, Torre'ece Diamond, Gabrielle Herring, Richard Herring Jr., Rian Johnson, Christopher Weston IV, Raphael Herring, Kia'Zha Herring, Kanye Woods, Raquise Shelton, Ronniesha Morgan, Giovanni Herring, Ronald Pruitt Jr., Carlton Jackson (Teryia) of St. Louis, Missouri, and Chase Salazar (Jessica) of Detroit, Michigan.

Her legacy continues through her great-grandchildren Christopher, Mylynn, Naevia, Nile, Nora, Jasmine, Joshua, Niko, Sofia, Luxan, and Gio, who will continue to carry her love and memory forward.

Psalms 34:1-3 KJV

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD; the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.

Dear Mama,

Upon the day of my birth, you cradled me, loved me, gave me life, a gift from God like no other.
A precious person known as "Mother".
Each day with you was a blessing that I cherish. I hope you find peace in heaven. I thank God that I had a mother. I will miss you and your voice.
I love you Momma. Til we meet again, may God's peace be with you.
You touched so many lives, gave of yourself, helped the church, preached the gospel.
I love you Momma always. I'll never forget everything you taught me and how you inspired me to write and draw.
I'm grateful to have your voice recorded so that I can listen to it & feel close to you when I'm feeling sad.
I know your life was full of love from family, friends and grandchildren. Knowing that Roneca isn't alone, she has her grandma and both grandfathers with her, brings me joy.
Love, Your Son Richard



If Roses Grow In Heaven



If roses grow in Heaven
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.
Tell her that I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for a while.
Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day, but there's an
ache within my heart
that will never go away.
Love, Your Daughter LaKisha

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalms 100 Dr. Chanell Smith

New Testament - Revelation 1:3 Elder Yvonne Comas

Prayer | Pastor Calandra Walker

Musical Selection | "The Battle Is The Lord's" Minister Felicia Tyler

Acknowledgment & Condolences | Deaconess Doreane Pickett

Video Tribute

Remarks | Two Minutes Please | Family & Friends

Musical Selection | "I Am Free" Padgit Smith

Words of Comfort

"How Great Is Our God"

Bishop Bruce Walker | New Hope Church of The Christ

Benediction

Recessional



Psalms 100 KJV

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD, He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

Revelation 1:3 KJV

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

