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In Appreciation

For the flowers you sent and the songs you sang,
For the comfort of your words when the bells rang;
For the meals you shared and the tasks you did,
Even the kindness that stayed quiet and hid;
No matter the gesture, large or small,
We sincerely thank you, one and all.

The Shirley Jean Smith Green Family

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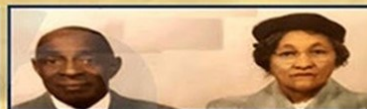
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The Dawn
February 14, 1943

The Twilight
August 19, 2026

Mrs.
Shirley Jean
Smith Green
"SHELLY"

In Loving Memory

Shirley Jean Smith Green, affectionately known to all who loved her as “Shelly,” was born on February 14, 1943, in Cordele, Crisp County, Georgia. She was the beloved daughter of the late Booker T. Smith and the late Bertha Murray Smith. Following her mother’s passing, she was lovingly reared by her father and the late Ora Mae Smith.

Shelly received her education in the public schools of Crisp County, attending A. S. Clark High School. A woman of deep faith, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, uniting with Spring Hill Baptist Church, where she served faithfully as an Usher.

Shelly was a woman of vibrant joy and infectious warmth who personified love in every way. An avid, die-hard Atlanta Braves fan, she proudly proclaimed herself their #1 supporter. Evenings were often filled with her favorite game shows, “Family Feud” and “Wheel of Fortune”. Above all else, her children were her entire world. She found her greatest happiness in cooking hearty meals, sharing deep laughs, and bringing her family together. Whether traveling to events with her beloved crew—her "Road Dogs": her sister Ruth, "Pig", Lillie, Nellie, and Bobbie Ann—or sitting quietly on the porch enjoying good conversation with Caldon, she lived surrounded by genuine fellowship and enduring love.

On August 19, 2026, Shelly peacefully transitioned into eternal rest. She was preceded in death by her parents; two children, Jennifer Green and Ricky Smith; and four siblings, Ella Mae Everett, Mary Smith, Eugene Grant, Billy Grant, Curtis Everett, Easter Smith, and Frederick Smith and her former husband, Eddie Lee Green.

Her beautiful legacy and cherished memories will forever live on in the hearts of her loving children: Mary (Desi) Green, Zobbie Smith, Eddie Green, and Steven (Nikki) Green, all of Cordele, Georgia; her grandchildren, two of whom she reared, Latoya (Mike) Walker of Miami, Florida, and Ontario Green of New York; Latasha, Lachandra, Latosha, Precious, Shannon, Rusty, Constance, Kerrica, Shakerria, Keidra, Brittany, Kayla, Cameron, Steven Jr., George Jr., Zorria, Eddie Jr., Ricky Jr., Bryce, Jaden, and Joziah; 24 great-grandchildren; her loving sister, Ruth Smith of Cordele, Georgia; her caring brother, Charles (Vikki) Smith of Pahokee, Florida; two special nephews, Cleveland (Tammy) Smith and Johnny Smith of Cordele, Georgia; her bonus children: Shirley Faye Green, Sonya Green, Tiffany Gray, Demetria Shon Oliver, April Jones, Verlana Grant, Corey (Shekie) Reese, Faye Green, Benjamin Green, Anthony Green, Kermit (Lillian) Green, and Keiska Jones; her daughters of love, Michelle Smith and Patricia Green both of Cordele, Georgia; her special friends, Deacon Eddie Byron, Lillie Mathis, Nellie Shivers, Bobbie Ann Paul, and her porch buddy, Caldon Wallace The Byron Family, Anthony West, Adrian West, Alex West, the entire Spring Hill Baptist Church Family, her Ramada Inn Crew: Bernice, Hattie, Puddin', & Pat; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and sorrowing friends.



“I’m Free”

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace
at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch,
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

The Celebration of Life

Saturday | August 29, 2026 | 2:00 PM

J. W. Williams Funeral Home Chapel

407 West 17th Avenue | Cordele, Georgia

Reverend Dr. Eddie Tolbert | Officiant

Pastor | Spring Hill Baptist Church | Cordele, Georgia

Reverend Isaac H. Owens | Eulogist

Pastor | Mount Calvary Baptist Church | Cordele, Georgia

Musical Prelude

Deacon Curtis Mathis

Processional | “Jesus, I Love Calling Your Name”

Led by Reverend Dr. Eddie Tolbert

The Final Viewing

The Final Closing of the Casket

Prayer of Comfort

Reverend Gregory Williams

Old & New Testament Scriptures

Reverend Dr. Eddie Tolbert

Musical Selection

Mount Calvary Baptist Church Choir

Poetic Tribute

Ms. Mary Green

Reflections

Deacon Eddie “Pig” Byron

Musical Selection

Mount Calvary Baptist Church

Words of Comfort

Reverend Isaac H. Owens

Acknowledgements, Heirloom Bible and Memorial Blanket Presentation

J. W. Williams Funeral Home Staff

Recessional & Postlude

The Committal Service

Spring Hill Church Cemetery

Cannon Road | Cordele, Georgia

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