

Reflections of Her Life

Shirley A. Davis, affectionately known as “Nana” and loved by many, departed this life peacefully on May 16, 2026, at the age of 85. She was born on January 16, 1941, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Shirley later moved from Georgia to Newark, New Jersey, where she spent many years building a life centered around faith, family, and hard work. She was the beloved daughter of the late Leroy “Roy” Sutton, owner of Sutton & Sons Trucking Company, and the late D’Alma “Dommy” Lee-Sutton, a devoted educator in the Newark Public School System who earned a Doctorate Degree in Education. As the oldest of six children, Shirley naturally embraced the role of protector, caregiver, and guiding light within her family. She graduated from Southside High School and was a faithful member of St. John Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. In 1964, Shirley married Mr. Edward Davis, and together they shared many years of love and companionship. Shirley dedicated 27 years of service to Schering-Plough, where she worked as a Coordinator before retiring in 1999. After retirement, she relocated to Bishopville, South Carolina, where she continued working with the same strong work ethic and warm spirit at Belk and Walmart.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Leroy “Roy” Sutton and D’Alma “Dommy” Lee-Sutton; her sons, Mustafa Motley and Don Motley; her brother, Durrell Sutton; and her sisters, Betty Sutton-Bradley, Mary Alice Sutton, and Lena Staten.

She leaves to cherish her memory her children, Alma Stukes, Darryl Motley, and stepson Thomas Cabbagestalk; her daughters-in-law, Jasmine Motley and Patricia Cabbagestalk; her loving sister, Elouise Sutton; and a cherished legacy through her grandchildren: Michael Motley, Cherritah Bulla, Lashunda Hill, Raushanah Muhammad, Madinah Motley, Eric Cabbagestalk, Brittany Bethea, Braina Motley, Christopher Motley, Kaleah Motley, Joshua Motley, Ali Motley, Ethan Motley, and Imani Motley.

She also leaves behind her great-grandchildren, Mikea Motley, Shanequa Maple, and Mustafa Motley, and was preceded in death by her great-grandson, Michael “Marquis” Motley Jr. Shirley additionally leaves a host of other great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends who will forever cherish her memory.

Shirley will be remembered for her strength, dedication to family, kindness, and enduring faith. Her love and wisdom touched generations, and her legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

- Psalm 23:6

Order of Service

Processional

Old Testament
Apostle Dorothy Maple

New Testament
Apostle Dorothy Maple

Prayer

Remarks
Michael Motley Sr.
Ms. Raushanah Muhammad
Ms. Mikea Motley

Solo
Tia Cook
Amazing Grace
God Provides

Eulogy
Mr. Darryl Motley

Recessional

Committal, Prayer, and Benediction

Interment
Mechanicsville United Methodist Church
184 Lake Ashwood Road
Sumter, South Carolina 29153

Pallbearers
Family and Friends

Floral Bearers
Family and Friends

I Am With You Always

To those I love and those who love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have
shown

But now it's time I travel alone.
So grieve a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll
be near
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All my love around you so soft and dear
And then, when you must come this way
alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."

Celebration of Life Service for

Shirley A.
DAVIS

January 16, 1941 - May 16, 2026

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

11:00 AM

*JP Holley Funeral Home Bishopville Chapel
114 Church Street, Bishopville, South Carolina 29010
Mr. Darryl Motley, Eulogist*

Expression of Gratitude

Words are inadequate to express the humility and gratitude toward all of our family and friends who have consoled us during our bereavement. Your prayers, love, presence, acts of kindness, and service have sustained us. The cards and other material gifts were warmly appreciated. We saw all of these as God's love expressed through you. Thank you, and may God richly bless you, keep you, and grant you traveling mercies as you return to your various destinations.

—The Davis Family



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