

ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. Christopher Edwards, Officiating

Processional
Clergy and Family

Musical Selection

Reading of Scriptures

Old Testament
Rev. Dr. Morris Sanders, Jr.

New Testament
Pastor Stevie Robertson

Prayer of Comfort
Rev. Miranda Williams

Solo
Mr. James T. Daniels

Acknowledgments
Ms. Denise Joyner

Reading of Obituary
Silently

Poem
Younique Lassiter

Eulogy
Pastor Maurice Revell

Mortician's Brief
Sanders Funeral Home

SPECIAL THANKS



Our family extends a heartfelt thank you for your love, support and prayers. Your acts of love and your presence today are a cherished reminder of the impact our loved one had on our lives.

May God bless and keep you always!

*"Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God forgave you."
Ephesians 4:32*

Pallbearers
Family & Friends

Floral Bearers
Family & Friends

Funeral Services Entrusted To:
Sanders Funeral Home

CELEBRATION OF *Life*



SHELIA DENISE LASSITER

SUNRISE: JULY 25, 1961
SUNSET: AUGUST 23, 2026

Well done, good and faithful servant.
Matthew 25:23

*"A LIFE OF FAITH, FAMILY,
LOVE & SERVICE"*

THE LASTING LEGACY

In the early morning hours of Sunday, August 23, 2026, at 4:17 a.m., Shelia Denise Lassiter peacefully transitioned from this earthly life to her heavenly home.

Shelia Denise Lassiter, daughter of Catherine Revell Watson and the late Howard Watson, was born July 25, 1961, in Smithfield, North Carolina.

During her childhood, Shelia attended Lee's Chapel A.M.E. Church in Selma, North Carolina, and Red Hill United Church of Christ in Clayton, North Carolina. She accepted Christ, was baptized, and remained a faithful member of Lee's Chapel A.M.E. Church, where she served in many capacities, including Steward, Trustee, Usher, Church Secretary, Lay Organization member, and Missionary. Her faith and commitment to serving her church and community remained an important part of her life.

Shelia was a loving and caring person who believed in comforting, encouraging, and supporting others along life's journey. Her warm and compassionate spirit was evident in the many lives she touched.

A 1979 graduate of Smithfield-Selma Senior High School, Shelia was an outstanding track athlete and member of a relay team that earned several conference championships. She continued her education at Johnston Community College, earning an Associate Degree in Paralegal Studies in 1993, and later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from North Carolina Wesleyan University.

Shelia dedicated 31 years of service to the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Employment Security. Her final position was Program Coordinator II in the Benefits Integrity Unit. After more than three decades of committed and professional service, she retired on January 1, 2025.

Shelia also had a special gift for writing. In her quiet time, she wrote about family, life experiences, and the people and moments that touched her heart. Over her lifetime, she wrote more than one thousand poems, leaving behind a treasured collection of her thoughts, memories, and reflections.

Above all, Shelia cherished her family deeply, especially her daughter, grandchildren and her dear friend Tim Nicholson. Shelia was a true "Shadow Warrior," quietly working behind the scenes, providing wisdom, guidance, encouragement, and unwavering support whenever needed. She understood her passion and purpose in life and lived it through faith, family, service, and love.

She was preceded in death by her father, Howard Watson, and her beloved sister, Dr. Shawanda Lynett Watson.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: her loving and devoted mother, Catherine Revell Watson, Selma, NC; her daughter, Shenise Lassiter; three grandchildren, Yunique Lassiter, Madison Speights, and Tristan Speights; two brothers, Gerald Watson (Janet), Selma, NC, and O'Shay Watson (Patrice), Upper Marlboro, MD; nieces and nephews, Alana Lester (Ty), Shaylin Watson, Dimitri Watson, and Juwan Watson; one aunt, Christabelle Harlee, Clayton, NC; and a host of special cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

Although Shelia's earthly journey has ended, her poems will continue to tell her stories, her family will carry her love, and her life will remain a testimony of faith, strength, service, and devotion.

THANK YOU FATHER GOD

Thank you Father God for giving me the best parents ever.

They taught me to love you and all of your people.

Thank you Father God for giving me siblings that love me unconditionally.

We may not always agree, but our love for one another never changes.

Thank you Father God for giving me a family that has always been there for me.

Through the good times and the difficult times, their love has remained.

Thank you Father God for the many people you placed in my life along the way.

Each person, each experience, and each moment has been a part of my journey.

Thank you Father God for your grace, your mercy, your protection, and your love.

Thank you for carrying me through every season of my life and never leaving my side.

Thank you Father God for allowing me to experience the gift of life, the blessing of family, and the opportunity to love and be loved.

*Farewell Family & Friends
Shelia W. Lassiter*

**"THE ONE WHO LIVES IN
OUR HEARTS FOREVER"**



MEMORIES

