



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Sharon Smith wishes to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude to all those who have shown their sympathy and expressions of love.

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*Celebrating the life of*  
Sharon "Shirley" Smith

SEPTEMBER 16, 1950 - DECEMBER 1, 2023



Monday, December 11, 2023  
2:00 pm Viewing | 2:30 pm Homegoing

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## OBITUARY

### *Sharon "Shirley" Smith*

Sharon Smith, affectionately known as Shirley, was born on September 16, 1950 to Collins Mack and Flossie Harrison and raised by Herbert and Ruth Nelson. She departed this earth on December 1, 2023, after a brief illness.

She grew up in Cherry Hill in Baltimore, Maryland, where she loved spending time with her sisters, her cousins and her friends. Spending her summers in South Carolina and New York were definitely highlights of her childhood. She received her education in Baltimore City Public Schools and graduated from Douglas High School.

As a young adult, she loved a good party and would dance the night away as much as she could. Being a military wife afforded her the opportunity to travel and to live on several military bases. The last was Tenza Terrace in Fort Myers, Virginia. After leaving Virginia, she returned to Baltimore and settled her family. Once her children were older, she returned to the workforce as a Daycare Teacher at Childtime Children's Center. This move was the beginning of the next chapter of her life. The more she worked with children, the more her love for children grew. Four years into her childcare journey, she opened Sharon's Family Daycare in her home. As the word got out that Ms. Sharon had a daycare, more and more parents began to enroll their little ones.

The enjoyments of her life were her daycare kids, driving fast, shopping at Roses, looking at Lifetime and BET, and peeking out of the front window to see what was happening in the neighborhood. She was definitely the news reporter of the block. Even as her health declined, she was the sassiest and the funniest person ever. And she took pride in always looking her best.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Flossie Harrison, and Collins Mack; siblings, James, Eddie, Catherine and Victoria; grandson, Tony; lifetime friend, Toby and beloved partner, Melvin.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories her children, Antoria, Darnell, Keisha, Nichole, Treva and Travon; her grandchildren, Latyrce, Devon, Tevon, Chris, Antwon, Jazmine, Demonte', Jordan, Terell, Alayniee, Ahmad, Amari, and Ashton; her sisters, Betty, Irene, and Peggy (Stanley); stepsister, Edith; bonus son, Derrick, eight great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and extended daycare families.

She also leaves to cherish her memories her bonus sister, Mirdies Parrott, and her special friend, Sharon Powell.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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Prayer

Reading of Obituary

Slideshow

Poem

Family Reflections

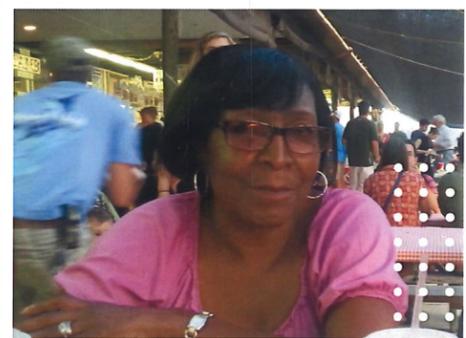
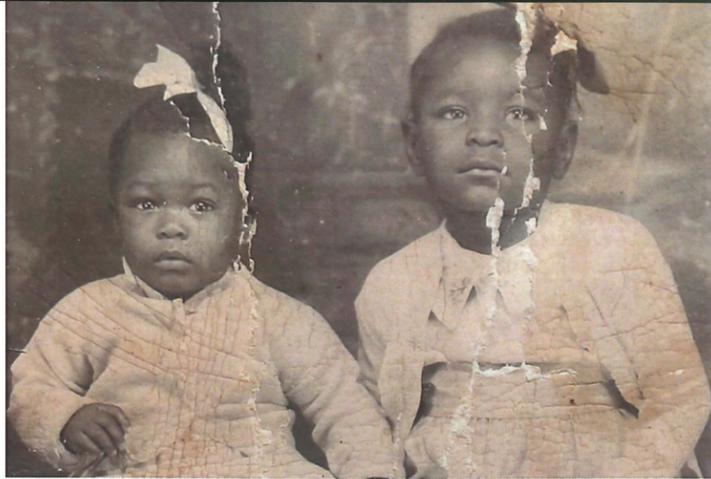
Remarks (2 minutes)

Acknowledgements

Words of Comfort

Recessional





# FROM THE HEART OF A CHILD

It's so hard to be standing here and speak these words I say,  
But I know that I have to because you've gone so far away,  
You've graced us with your beauty,  
your stubbornness, sass, class, and grace,  
All qualities about you that will never be replaced.  
You taught us to be strong and independent too,  
And if we ever needed a reminder,  
all we had to do was take a look at you.

Although we may be spread out from Virginia to SC,  
We always found our way back home when we needed to be.  
If one thing is for certain, if one thing is for sure,  
we sure will miss all your advice even if it sent us mad out the door.  
You called us out on our BS, but helped us out if we were broke or sore.  
And that love for us you shared, makes us love you even more.

Your love for children was endless, we can tell by way  
the daycare parents would still come by to see you til this day.  
You'll never be forgotten, and this we know is true,  
Please know we love you, Mommy and you will shine just like the Diva  
you are, through and through.

Love the Crew,  
Antoria, Donny, Keisha, Nikki, Treva and Travon

