

A Life Well Lived, A Soul at Rest

SHE WAS BOLD | SHE WAS REAL | SHE WAS LOVE IN HER OWN LANGUAGE



Shirley Ann Bux, a woman of strength, spirit, and unmistakable personality, entered her eternal rest on February 26, 2026, at the age of 79.

Born on August 9, 1946, in Brownwood, Texas, Shirley was the beloved daughter of Victoria and Nicholas Bux. She was lovingly known to most as "Mama Shirley" or "Shirley Girl." She proudly earned her GED, a testament to her determination and resilience.

Shirley later made her way to Maryland, where she built a life filled with love, laughter, and unforgettable connections. She worked for many years on cruise boats at Baltimore's Inner Harbor, where she became known not only for her work but for her heart - "adopting" and mentoring many young people along the way. James "Wings" Wheeler was one of the few who she held near and dear to her heart.

She never met a stranger. Bold, honest, and full of personality, Shirley spoke her truth freely - but beneath that strength was a deeply loving and loyal soul. If she loved you, she loved you completely.

Her love extended to animals as well. Sammy, Tommy, Cookie, Bella, Brooklyn and Cinders the cat were like her children and she spoiled them as such. She had a special place in her heart for all creatures and would rescue anything in need - whether on four legs or few her love was very true.

Shirley was preceded in death by her son, Michael and her Daughter.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her son Kenneth, her grandson Nico, her devoted daughter in heart Juan Smith, her grandchildren Jazirah, Jalani and Jayce. Her very good friend and sister-in-love of nearly 20 years Patricia "Pat" Davis and a host of relatives, friends, and all those she embraced as family.

Order of Service



Prelude.....Soft Instrumental Hymns

Processional....."Amazing Grace"

Opening Prayer.....Minister Adrian Wilson

*Scripture Readings.....Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: John 14:1 - 3*

Congregational Hymn....."How Great Thou Art"

Reflections & Tributes.....3 Minutes Please

Eulogy.....Minister Adrian Wilson

Message of Hope.....Minister Adrian Wilson

Closing Prayer

Recessional.....Soft Instrumental Music



*"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want...
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."
~ Psalm 23 ~*

- Final Words of Love -

A Daughter's Love

*I loved you Until God called you home, And even then...
My love did not leave with you. It stayed in my heart, In my strength,
In every lesson you ever gave me. I will walk forward carrying you,
In everything I do, In everything I become. I will make you proud,
Again and again, For the rest of my life because you were
never just my godmother - You were my heart.
~ From Your Daughter in Love, Juan Smith ~*

A Personal Tribute

*There are people who come into your life and simply pass through...
And then there are those who leave fingerprints on your soul. You were
not just family by title - You were family by love, by choice, by heart.
Thank you for every lesson, every laugh, every moment you poured into
me. Thank you for loving me in your own way - real, raw, and true.
I will carry you with me always. In my strength. In my voice.
In my purpose. This is not goodbye... This is "I'll make you
proud until we meet again. Love you Always Mama.
Your Daughter, Juan*

Acknowledgements

*We, the family of the late Evangelist Elsie Mahala Wilson,
gratefully acknowledge the many kind and beautiful expressions
of sympathy and love shown during our time of bereavement.*

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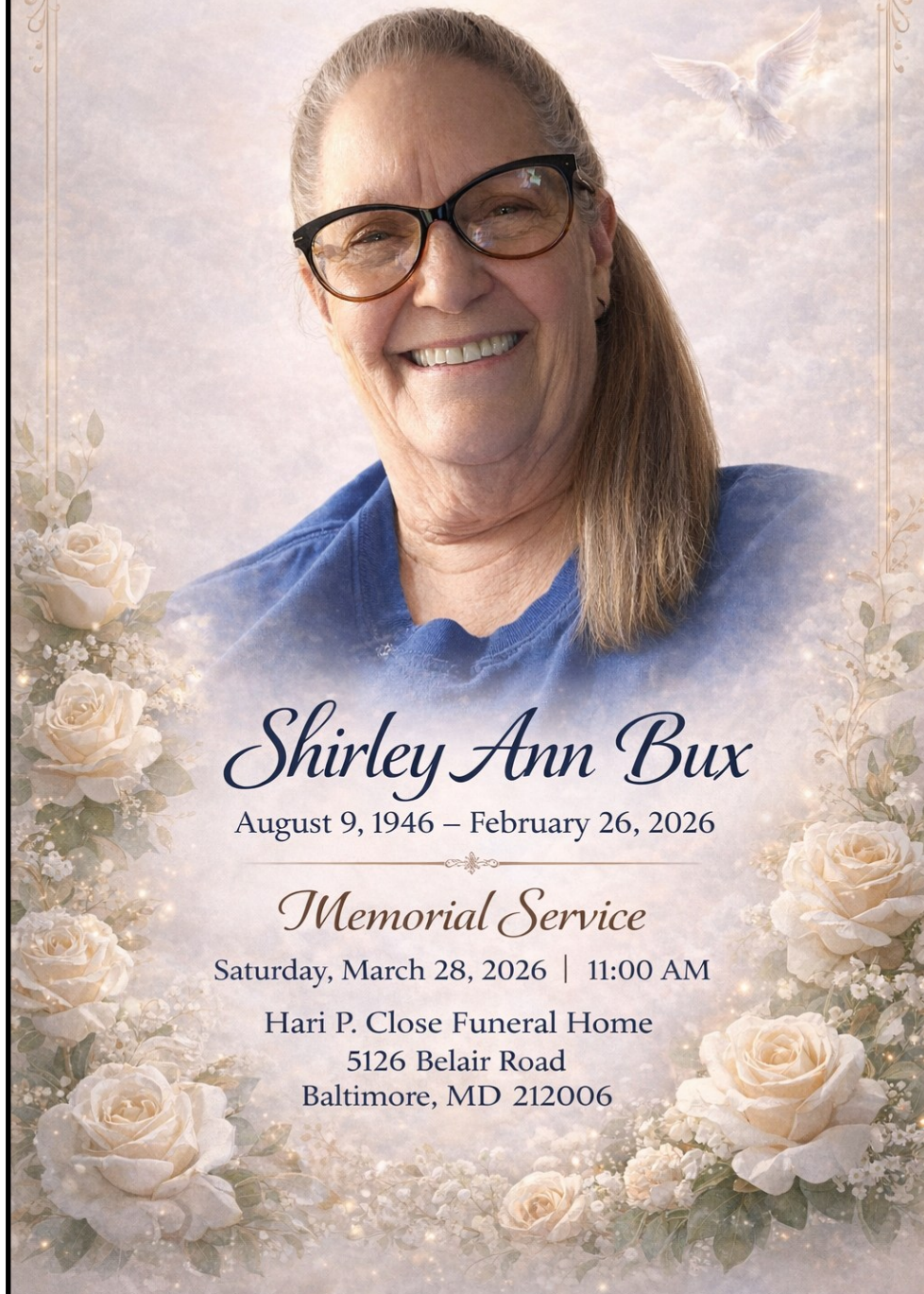
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In Loving Memory of



Shirley Ann Bux

August 9, 1946 – February 26, 2026

Memorial Service

Saturday, March 28, 2026 | 11:00 AM

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