

ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding: Bishop Darryl Medley

Musical Prelude.....Sis. Willette McIntosh

Processional Clergy & Family

Receiving of Friends..... 1:00 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.

Parting View.....Funeral Director in Charge

Opening Selection – Sis. Willette McIntosh

Scripture Readings

Old TestamentPastor William Brunson

New TestamentDr. George Logan

Prayer of Comfort Dr. Faye Reese Miller

Musical Selection Sis. Felecia Maddox

Tributes

David “Pee Wee” Hawkins, Dr. Faye Reese Miller

Pastor LaTrese Lyerly & Leon Johnson

Acknowledgements

Hickory High Class Tribute

Church Resolution Sis. Gloria Hendrix

Eulogy Pastor Juan Johnson

Selection Sis. Valerie Connelly

Mortician’s Brief.....McCain Funeral Home & Cremations

Recessional

INTERMENT

Shiloh A.M.E. Church Cemetery

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 him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of 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 for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

Flower Bearers

Nieces & Family

Casket Bearers

Grandsons & Nephews

Acknowledgement

Thank you for your words of comfort, kindness and thoughtfulness during this time of bereavement. Whether it was a gift of flowers, food, a visit, a call, a card or any other outpouring of support, we are grateful, thankful and filled with gratitude from our heart to yours.



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JULY 1, 2026



THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026

RECEIVING OF FRIENDS: 1PM • HOMEGOING: 2PM

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220 Avery Ave. • Morganton, NC 28655



IN LOVING MEMORY SHIRLEY ANN SHUFORD JOHNSON

January 26, 1956



July 1, 2026

The family of Shirley Ann Shuford Johnson is heartbroken to announce her passing on July 1, 2026, at her residence, surrounded by her loving family. Born on January 26, 1956, in Catawba County, North Carolina, Shirley's journey was marked by love, devotion, hard work, and steadfast faith—a life whose gentle touch warmed countless hearts.

From an early age, Shirley stood out for her resilience and ambition. Educated in the Catawba County School System, she dedicated herself to learning and growth, ultimately earning her Associate's degree in Cosmetology. These skills were not merely a profession for Shirley but a pathway to connect with others, lift spirits, and embrace the beauty in every individual she encountered.

Shirley began her working years in textiles, learning the value of perseverance and craftsmanship, before going on to become a beloved local business owner. She opened her own beauty salon, touching lives with warmth, skill, and laughter. Always driven to build a better world for her family, Shirley's entrepreneurial spirit led her to own and operate the renowned Jet Express convenient store—a local fixture known for its friendly atmosphere and her welcoming presence.

In her sacred life of faith, Shirley was a shining light at Vision Hope & Peace United Church of Worship, under the leadership of her son, Pastor Juan Johnson. Here, she sang joyfully on the Praise Team, served graciously in the Pastor's Aide and Hospitality Ministry, and found deep fellowship in the Women's Auxiliary. Their regular gatherings—especially the birthday celebrations—were opportunities for Shirley to shower others with kindness, uplift spirits, and create treasured memories.

Shirley joins in peace her beloved husband, William Clarence Johnson ("Greasy"); her devoted parents, Russell Shuford and Elester Allen Shuford; her sisters, Juanita Byers, Esther McNeill, Mackie Mahone, and Ruby Shuford; as well as her brothers, Eugene Bivens, Russell Shuford Jr., and Johnny Ray Shuford. Their memory remains entwined with hers in the hearts of those left behind.

Her love only grew deeper in the company of her family. Shirley was the treasured mother of three sons: Juan Johnson, Shawn Johnson, and William Leon Johnson, each of whom carry forward her strength, faith, and loving example. She also leaves behind their devoted spouses, Lisa and Vanessa, as well as her dear sister, Kay Roberts, and her caring brother, Bobby Dale Bivens. Shirley's legacy extends beyond immediate family, held dearly by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many others whose lives she touched as a steadfast friend.

Those who knew Shirley Ann Johnson will remember her as a woman of gentle strength, immense capability, and boundless love—a beacon of faith and hope who never ceased to uplift, encourage, and care for others. Her life was an example of kindness, resilience, and devotion that will continue to inspire all who had the privilege to know her.

