



SPECIAL THANKS

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank you for your prayers, kindness, and support. Every expression of love has lifted us during our time of loss.

– *Keith Hardison and family*

FINAL RESTING PLACE

GOODWILL CEMETERY

402 Blue Bird Boulevard
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Shirley Dolores Hardison



SUNRISE

OCTOBER 5, 1937

SUNSET

NOVEMBER 19, 2025

EDWARDS SMALL MORTUARY CHAPEL
Saturday, December 6, 2025 • 11AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN OF COMFORT

Blessed Assurance

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament: John 14:1-6

PRAYER

REFLECTIONS / TRIBUTES OF REMEMBRANCE

Presiding Elder Smith

Pastor Anthony Dixon II

Saint Peter AME Church

MUSICAL SELECTION

I Can Only Imagine

EULOGY

Pastor Darryl Howard

Shield of Faith Ministries of South Plainfield

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE



OBITUARY

SHIRLEY DOLORES HARDISON,

a native of Roselle, New Jersey, passed away peacefully on November 19, 2025, at the age of 88. She made Fort Valley, Georgia her home in 1995, becoming a cherished member of the community for the past three decades.

A graduate of Abraham Clark High School in Roselle, Shirley began dating the love of her life, Douglas Hardison, shortly after graduation. The two married in 1960 and went on to share many years together, traveling often as Douglas pursued his passions for boating and golf. Shirley's grace and poise were unmistakable—tall and beautiful, she carried herself like a model. She was known for her empathy, her calm presence, and her gift for listening deeply to others.



Shirley dedicated her career to the United States Postal Service, where she worked as a Postal Clerk until her retirement. A woman of faith and devotion, she was an active member of Saint Peter AME Church, where she served faithfully as an usher for many years. She enjoyed sewing and crocheting, and she was a talented cook who hosted annual barbecues for friends and family. She loved entertaining, and her gatherings were a source of warmth, laughter, and togetherness for those she held dear.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas Hardison; her mother, Mary Elizabeth Fortune; her father, Clifton Bradley; her brothers, Donald Stanley, William David Fortune, Jr., Clifton James Bradley, Jr., and John Bradley; and her sister, Debra Sarku.

Shirley is survived by her son, Keith Hardison; her grandchildren, Jalisa, Orquid, and Cashmir; and her great-grandchildren, Declan and Savannah. She is also survived by her stepson, Douglas Hardison, Jr.; her sisters, Carolyn Howard, Gwendolyn LeGrand, Tawanda Brandon, and Wendy Hopkins; her brothers, Drew White and James Moore Sr.; and a host of extended family members and friends who will forever cherish her memory.

Shirley will be remembered for her inner and outer beauty, her gentle strength, and the love she poured into her family, friends, and community. Her presence will be deeply missed, and her legacy will be felt for generations to come.