



PALLBEARERS

Family & Friends

FLORAL ATTENDANTS

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INTERMENT

Jumping Run Cemetery
Ivanhoe, North Carolina

REPAST

The family will receive relatives and friends for a repast immediately following the interment at:
Snow Hill Missionary Baptist Church
581 Trestle Road
Ivanhoe, North Carolina 28447

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

With grateful hearts, our family extends sincere appreciation to everyone who has shown us love, kindness, prayers, and support during this difficult time. Every phone call, visit, message, prayer, comforting word, thoughtful gesture, and act of kindness has brought strength and comfort as we honor the beautiful life and lasting legacy of our beloved matriarch. Thank you for standing beside us, sharing memories, offering condolences, and helping us celebrate her life with love and dignity. Your kindness will always be remembered and deeply appreciated for all acts .
With heartfelt gratitude,
The Family



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Saturday, September 12, 2026

Viewing-10:00 a.m.
Celebration of Life-11:00 a.m.

Snow Hill Missionary Baptist Church
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Order of Service

- Musical Prelude.....Musician
- Processional.....Clergy and Family
- Hymn of Praise.....Brother Antron Anthony
- Scripture Readings
 - Old Testament.....Rev. Anthony Henry
 - New Testament.....Rev. Willie Earl Imes
- Prayer of Comfort.....Cleophis Corbett
- Solo.....Brother Antron Anthony
- Acknowledgements and Condolences.....Sister Crystal Baldwin
- The Obituary.....Sister Ashley Gamble
- Solo.....Brother Antron Anthony
- Eulogy..... Rev. Harris Imes
- Recessional



The Obituary

Shirley Gourdine McCree entered eternal rest on August 30, 2026, at the age of 89. Born Shirley Jones on September 19, 1936, in Nesmith, South Carolina, she was the daughter of the late Edward Jones and Carrie “Mamie” McGill. Shirley attended the St. Mark School System, where she played basketball and developed a lifelong love of sports. She accepted Christ at an early age at St. Mark’s AME Church and became an active choir member.

Shirley married Sam Gourdine Sr., and together they had four beautiful children. The family settled in Somerset, New Jersey, where she devoted more than 30 years to her career with Johnson & Johnson Permacel. She later married Johnny W. McCree Jr., with whom she shared 44 years of marriage. Following retirement, Shirley and John relocated to Midfield, Alabama, where their home and especially the family pool became a joyful gathering place for generations of family and friends.

Faith, fellowship, and service remained central throughout Shirley’s life. She was an active member of the Prince Hall Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter No. 12, in New Jersey. She also served with the Pride Missionary Circle and was a devoted member of First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in New Jersey and First Baptist Church of Fairfield, Alabama.

Shirley cherished family and truly valued staying connected with loved ones across the East Coast and the South. Celebrating every milestone, including graduations, birthdays, and weddings. She was known as the keeper of family secrets and lifelong sports fan who enjoyed travel, new foods, and experiences. She will be remembered for her humor, generosity, strength, resilience, deep faith, and immense pride in her family.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Jones and Carrie “Mamie” McGill; her first husband, Sam Gourdine Sr.; her husband of 44 years, Johnny W. McCree Jr.; her son, Sam Gourdine Jr.; her brothers, Cleveland Jones and Wilbur Cooper; and her sisters, Odessa Weaver Davis

and Dellie Woodberry.

Shirley leaves to cherish her precious memory three surviving children: Debra Gamble of Grayson, Georgia; Larry Gourdine of Midfield, Alabama; and Byron (Poinsetta) Gourdine of Ivanhoe, North Carolina. She also leaves nine grandchildren: Rashaunda (Chad Sr.) Jones, Tyshun (Kimm) Gourdine, Dashaun (Tierra) Gourdine, Tiffany Gourdine, Shalaunda Gourdine, Byron (Brittany) Gourdine, Travis Gamble, Ashley Gamble, and Isaiah Gourdine; twelve great-grandchildren; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, other relatives, special friends, and her church family.



DO NOT WEEP FOR ME

Do not weep for me, for I have not gone.
I am the wind that shakes the mighty oak.
I am the gentle rain that falls upon your face.
I am the spring flower that pushes through the dark earth.
I am the chuckling laughter of the mountain stream.
Do not weep for me, for I have not gone.
I am the memory that dwells in the hearts of those who knew me.
I am the shadow that dances at the edge of your vision.
I am the wild goose that flies south at autumn’s call,
And I shall return at summer’s rising.
I am the stag on the wild hills’ way.
I am just around the corner.
Therefore, the wise weep not,
But rejoice in the transformation of my being.

