I Thought of You

I thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new.
I thought about you yesterday
And days before that, too.
I think of you in silence;
I often speak your name.
All I have are memories
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is my keepsake
With which I'll never part.
God has you in His keeping;
I have you in my heart.
With Love, Your Daughter, Jessica

Butterfly

As you danced in the light with joy, love lifted you.
As you brushed against this world so gently, you lifted us.
Love is like a butterfly; it goes where it pleases
And pleases wherever it goes.
A butterfly glows beside us like a sunbeam,
And, for a brief moment,
Its glory and beauty belong to our world.
But then it flies again,
And though we wish it could have stayed,
We feel lucky to have seen it.
Love, Tiffany

My Grandmother

Everyone should be so fortunate to have an incredible role model like my grandmother. She was a shining example of love and integrity for our family. Her strength lives on in me and the rest of our family.
Love, Your Grandson, Jerrick

Always Near

Those we love don't go away.
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near.
Still loved, still missed, and very dear.

Love Always, Your Great-grandchildren
Jaeden, Jaxon, Rhain & Ja'Kayla

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

Perhaps, you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps, you sent a floral piece; if so, we saw it there.

Perhaps, you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.

Perhaps, you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,

We thank you so much, whatever the part.

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Ms. Deborah Wade

"SHIRLEY"

THE LORD GIVETH — THE LORD TAKETH AWAY

March 25, 1952 — **September 12, 2023**

Saturday, September 23, 2023
11:00 AM

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
3416 8th Street
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

Reverend Bruce Henderson, Pastor
Dr. Mario McDaniel, Officiating

Her Journey | Her Story

Deborah "Shirley" Wade

"Reward her for all she has done.
Let her deeds publicly declare her praise."
Proverbs 31:31 (NLT)

In God's divine sovereignty and ordained timing, *Deborah "Shirley" Wade's* journey began on earth on Tuesday, March 25, 1952. Shirley was born and grew up in Coker, Alabama, to the late Christina Wade. Very early in Shirley's life, her mother transitioned to God's care; she was ultimately reared and nurtured by her loving aunt, Mrs. Eula Martin. The beginning of Shirley's life was a childhood packed with love, adventures, and exercises of faith.

At an early age, our mother, Shirley, discovered that the journey called life could not be experienced or completed successfully without faith. Her faith in God was ignited at an early age when she confessed hope in Christ under the leadership of Reverend Jones and united with Bailey Tabernacle Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Shirley received her education from Riverside High School.

From her journey, all can gleam a principle that Shirley lived by: a life of significance is about serving those who need your gifts, leadership, and purpose. Our mother's life demonstrated undeniable passion for children, culinary arts, and serving others. Shirley put her passion into practice and received her Certified Nutrition Professional (CNP) Certification and served as the Nutrition Program Director for Tuscaloosa City Schools for over 28 years. Every child that attended Tuscaloosa City Schools was positively impacted by Ms. Shirley. She used the doorway of her career to make a special, compassionate connection with all children, sowing seeds of hope, encouragement, and at times, counseling. After retiring from Tuscaloosa City Schools, she was led to continue to lead a life of purpose and impact; she served an additional ten years as a sitter with A&P Sitter Services until 2020.

Shirley's love for her family was undeniable. God blessed her to have one daughter, Jessica Moore-Johnson. Her drive to live a life of purpose, passion, and servanthood was fueled by her faith. She was a faithful member and supporter of Bailey Tabernacle Baptist Church her entire life. Throughout her journey, she served the senior citizen community through outreach, and she enjoyed playing softball with the church's softball team, cooking for family and friends, and gaming.

Shirley never allowed the hardships and challenges on her journey to break her spirit, but rather, she used her obstacles as opportunities to be a woman of character to her family and community at large. Through it all, she remained true to God and her faith never wavered. To know Deborah "Shirley" Wade was to love her – a woman full of love, hospitality, dignity, faith, and wisdom describes her eloquently.

Heaven declared her work on earth was finished; her assignments were complete. On Tuesday, September 12, 2023, Shirley ended this life's journey and began her eternal journey with the Lord.

Our mother now is joined in eternal glory with her mother, Ms. Christine Wade, and aunts, Ms. Eula Martin and Ms. Verna Terry.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories to her loving daughter, Mrs. Jessica (Joseph Jr.) Johnson of Samantha, Alabama; one granddaughter, Tiffany Moore of Birmingham, Alabama; one grandson, Jerrick Moore of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; great-grandchildren, Jaeden Little, Jaxon Little, Rhain Smith, and Ja'kayla Cole; great-uncle, Mr. Larry Porter of Temple, Texas; special friend, Mr. Donald Ford of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; and a host of other relatives and many dear friends.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Obituary ..... ***Read Silently, Please***

Reflections ..... ***Three People***
Limit to Two Minutes, Please

As a Granddaughter ..... **Tiffany Moore**

Selection

Eulogy ..... **Dr. Mario F. McDaniel**

Committal

Recessional ..... **The Family**
"Goin' Up Yonder"