

## *Order of Service*

Tuesday, July 7, 2026  
Family Gathering 11:00am  
Memorial Service 11:30am  
**Schaffer Funeral Service**  
649 East 162nd Street  
South Holland, Illinois 60473

Processional - Clergy & Family

Scripture Reading - Old & New Testament

Prayer - Minister

Selection - Musician

Acknowledgement/Resolutions

Remarks - Please limit to 2 minutes

Obituary - Read In Silence

Selection - Musician

Eulogy - Minister

Benediction - Minister

Recessional - Clergy, Family & Friends



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BORN INTO TIME: FEBRUARY 11, 1956  
BORN INTO ETERNITY: JUNE 25, 2026



# Life Reflections

**Sheryl Anita Brown** was born on February 11, 1956, to parents William H. Brown Sr. and Virlyn M. Brown, of Detroit, Michigan.

Sheryl was the youngest and had one older brother, William "Billy" Brown Jr. However, Sheryl would tell anyone who would listen she was the oldest, probably meaning the smartest.

Sheryl was an active member in church, Fellowship Chapel, Detroit, Michigan under the leadership of Reverend James Wadsworth.

Sheryl received her education from the Detroit Public School System graduating from Mumford High School in 1973 with honors. During her senior year of high school was at the height of the Civil Rights Era and the Vietnam War were in full swing. In the spirit of trying to affect peaceful change; Sheryl took over the principal's office during an all night sit-in with five of her classmates. She referred to this time as her "Revolutionary Period". Sheryl enrolled at Wayne County Community College to further her education.

Sheryl visited Chicago, IL in the summer of 1975. The plan was to buy clothes for the fall semester and to return to Detroit. After getting a taste of her newfound freedom and the need to carve out her own path, she remained in Chicago and even adopted Chicago Bears as her favorite sports team. She worked for her uncle Leon Finney Sr. in his famous Leon's Bar-B-Que restaurant, well known across Chicago. Sheryl proudly worked for Leon's Bar-B-Que for 35 years until the closing in 2010.

Sheryl then devoted her career and went to work for the Berry Manor & Eastlake Properties Group, as a property manager until retirement.

Sheryl met a young man Cleotha Carter Jr., from this union, the pride of the family "Tray" Carter was born in December 1977.

Sheryl lived a good and full life. She loved to cook for her family and friends and will be truly missed.

Sheryl leaves to mourn her loving son Tray Carter, devoted brother Billy Brown, cousins Renee' Finney, Michelle Finney, Michael Finney, and Tariq Finney and a host of family and friends.

## Tribute

The gift God gave us was you! There must be a shortage of angels in heaven because God chose you. Your visions on politics and the ability to see things others could not see was special. If I ever married, you would have been my best man. The bond we shared was more than special and next level. When mom became ill, you were at her bedside without any hesitation. You were my winter, summer, fall and spring you were my EVERYTHING! My life will be empty without you, I love you from the depth of my soul. It was me and you defying the odds. I know this is not goodbye because I will see you again shortly.

Your loving brother "Billy"

