



Ms. Shirley Samuel Benjamin

July 15, 1955 - December 10, 2023

Ms. Shirley Evon Samuel Benjamin was born July 15, 1955, in Columbia, South Carolina, to the late Willie and Mary Alice Moore Samuel. She was the eighth of twelve children. Shirley possessed a heart of gold and offered an abundance of love to her family, friends, and children. Early Sunday morning, December 10, 2023, God in His infinite wisdom looked around in His garden, chose a beautiful flower and peacefully called Shirley home to eternal rest at Providence MUSC Hospital.

She was educated in the public schools of Richland County, and a graduate of the Class of 1973 from Dreher High School. She was baptized at an early age and was a member of Young's Baptist Church. After relocating to Florence, South Carolina, she operated a children's daycare center from her home in Effingham, South Carolina for many years.

Upon returning to Columbia, South Carolina, she was employed with Farrow Hills Day Care owned and operated by Mrs. Peggy Wilson. With her big open heart and love of children, she later became a teacher at Bethel Child Care and Development Center, until her health started to decline. Shirley had such an amazing, sterned love for children.

Shirley was preceded in death by a brother, Leroy Samuel; three sisters, Willie Mae Legette, Mary Lee Smith, and Minnie Lee Dash; and three brothers-in-

law.

Ms. Shirley Evon Samuel Benjamin leaves to cherish her precious memories: one brother, Curtis (Rosa) Samuel; six sisters, Jo Ella Reed, Iris A. Hope, Alberta (James) Taylor, Loretta Garner, Betty J. Samuel all of Columbia, South Carolina, and Rochelle D. (Franklin) Wider, of Hopkins, South Carolina; a special brother-in-law, Phillip Legette, of Florence, South Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral service will be 12 noon, Thursday, December 14, 2023 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel, 6400 N. Main Street, Columbia, SC 29203. Pastor A. A. Dicks, Sr., officiating. Interment to follow in the Promised Land Cemetery.

Public viewing will be from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 13, 2023 and from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service, Thursday, November 14, 2023 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel.

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Cemetery Details

Promised Land Cemetery

1740 Cushman Drive
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 254-4673

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel
6400 North Main Street
Columbia, SC 29203
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To view the service for Ms. Benjamin, please click on the link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/757474943089289>

Tribute Wall

DP

“ *Deborah Pickett lit a candle in memory of Shirley Benjamin* ”



Deborah Pickett - December 17, 2023 at 05:47 AM

GI

“ *My prayers and condolences to her family.* ”

Gwen Brice Irick - December 14, 2023 at 11:13 AM

EM

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers for the family.* ”



Essie Morgan-Garner - December 14, 2023 at 09:37 AM

IH

“ *Iris Hope lit a candle in memory of Shirley Benjamin* ”



Iris Hope - December 14, 2023 at 08:55 AM

VW

“ Vicki Walker lit a candle in memory of Shirley Benjamin



Vicki J Walker - December 13, 2023 at 02:00 PM

CG

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Wishing you peace during this time difficult time.

Cozette Goodwin - December 13, 2023 at 08:10 AM

KL

“ Auntie Shirley.God Call You Home Early Sunday Morning..Rip Auntie Love You .God Love You Too



Karen Legette - December 12, 2023 at 04:52 AM

IH

I am going to miss you my sister. So many fond memories. As I said to you on Saturday " I will see you on the other"

Iris Hope - December 13, 2023 at 09:28 AM

IH

Shirley I will see you on the other side. Rest well in Heaven. Mom is waiting for you.

Iris Hope - December 13, 2023 at 09:30 AM

WI

“ *My sincere condolences to your family. May the God of comfort give you peace in this difficult time. Revelations 21:4*

Will - December 11, 2023 at 05:55 PM