



Mrs. Shirley "Shirl" Thomas

October 31, 1952 - February 25, 2025

Mrs. Shirley Siriene Sweatman Thomas, 72, of Columbia, South Carolina, entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at MUSC Health Columbia Center Downtown. She was born October 31, 1952 to the late Ladson Sweatman and Patricia Whitmore Sweatman. Mrs. Thomas accepted Christ at an early age, and joined Friendship Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful member until her passing. She participated in multiple ministries: the Usher's Ministry, Homeless Feeding Ministry, and assisted in the coordination of the monthly vegetable and fruit giveaway at the church. She was also Friendship Baptist Church Volunteer Secretary and assisted with the facility rentals and events team.

Mrs. Thomas affectionately known as "Popcorn", grew up in the Saxon Holmes area. She graduated from C. A. Johnson High School in 1970. She was a head cheerleader and was known to be great in math. She was a dedicated and engaged member of her community. Mrs. Thomas was a part of the Greenview Park Seniors group, Greenview Reunion Foundation, Greenview Park Gala decor committee and Greenview Reunion Foundation Hospitality. She was known for making delicious cornbread dressing and her famous red velvet cakes.

In her retirement from Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina, Mrs. Thomas had a passion for supporting her community by taking care of her family and

friends. She loved shopping everywhere, whether it was online or in a store.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Thomas was preceded in death by her husband, Carl L. Thomas.

Mrs. Shirley Thomas leaves to cherish her precious memory: two children, Kisha Thomas and Karen Thomas both of Columbia, SC; two granddaughters, Amia Davis and Karlee Thomas; four grandsons, Alexander Guice, Gregory (Kimberly) Blue, Andrew Collins, Ulylisses "Mikel" Hurndon; a niece whom she reared, Raven Watts; a loving nephew, Antwann (Chada) Sweatman; two grand nephews, Nolan pinckney and Enzo Sweatman; her loving sibling, James (Brenda) Sweatman; sister-in-law, Lucille (Johnny) Howell; special aunts, Ada Sullivan, of California, Ruth (George) Darby, and Karen Sweatman; one God-son, Cory Hunt, Columbia, SC; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Funeral service will be 12 noon, Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at Friendship Baptist Church, 1237 House Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29204. The Reverend A. A. Dicks, Sr., Pastor, officiating. Interment to follow in Promised Land Cemetery. Mrs. Thomas will lie in-state at the church one hour prior to the service time.

Public viewing will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2025 and from 9:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home.

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Cemetery Details

Promised Land Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church
1237 House Street
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 799-8906

To view the service for Mrs. Shirley Thomas, please click on the link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/18jUGeb7RY>

Tribute Wall

PD

“ Shirley, this has been so unbelievable and shocking that I'm still trying to process. Your passing has brought back so, so, so many memories. Idk why God saw fit to take you home at this time, but I know that you are glad to be reunited with Pat, Carl, Veronica, Wendy and Billy again. Earth truly has no sorry that Heaven cannot heal. You will truly be missed here on earth, but there will be no more pain nor sorrow. For that, I am thankful. Kisha, Karen, Raven, Alvin and Antwann I love you guys so much and I will always be here when you need me. We are FAMILY. LYM.

PDJames - March 07, 2025 at 10:03 AM

RB

“ My condolences to the family of Ms. Shirley Thomas! I knew her through Keenan High School and Greenview Park Senior Club!!! ❤️

Rev Anna Lane of Gunter's Chapel Baptist - March 05, 2025 at 01:48 PM

KP

“ Karen thinking of you and your family and praying for continued peace, and loving memories of your beautiful mother.

Kenya Perez - March 05, 2025 at 12:21 PM

OG

“ Rest well, Shirley. We called you "Popcorn" when we were in middle school. May the Lord keep your family....how you loved them!!!

CAJ...C/O 1970



Ora Taylor Garrison - March 04, 2025 at 08:34 PM

LH

“ You were a true soldier!! Your presence was impactful! I will always remember you and the lessons you taught! Rest Ms. Shirley Rest!
Love❤️ Lashanda Heyward

Lashanda Heyward - March 04, 2025 at 07:02 PM

CR

“ I'm still trying to process this heartbreak and disbelief. She was my rock and strength in times like this. I will continue to look to the hills from whence cometh my Help and Comfort!!! Lord strengthen me where I'm weak and build me up where I'm torn down!!!My forever Big sister from my other mother!!! I'm gonna miss you down here but keep you forever in my Heart!!! Love you,love you, love you❤️
🙏🙏

Curtis Reese - March 04, 2025 at 06:01 PM

HM

“ My sincere condolences.

Helen Mosby - March 04, 2025 at 05:25 PM

CS

“ I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to know Mrs. Thomas and experience her kindness, wisdom, and love. Thank you for all the beautiful memories we shared. I will cherish them forever.

Chada Sweatman - March 04, 2025 at 05:04 PM

MJ

“ Loved her beautiful soul! She was definitely an Angel on earth. I'm going to miss you so much! Love you always beautiful Rest In Paradise ❤️❤️🕊️🕊️



Monique Jeffcoat - March 04, 2025 at 04:05 PM

MB

“ Marsha and Megan Brunson rest in peace, Miss, Shirley 🙏❤️

Megan Brunson - March 04, 2025 at 04:00 PM

DE

“ Will miss all our laughs and small talks

Deloris - March 04, 2025 at 03:22 PM

FR

“ Condolences to the Thomas during the passing of your love one. May God give you Peace and comfort.

Fredrica & Walter Roberson



Fredrica J Roberson - March 04, 2025 at 02:49 PM

PJ

“ PD James lit a candle in memory of Shirley Thomas



PD James - March 04, 2025 at 02:40 PM

TO

“ I will miss you Aunt Shirley.

Tony - March 04, 2025 at 02:06 PM

LI

“ LaShay Isaac



LaShay Isaac - March 04, 2025 at 01:41 PM

PC

“ Peggy Crowell

Peggy Crowell - March 04, 2025 at 01:41 PM

TF

THE GREENVIEW REUNION FOUNDATION

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Shirley Thomas, and our condolences are with her family during this very difficult time. Shirley was a valued, active member of our community organization, serving on several committees. We always enjoyed her delicious desserts shared with us during our meetings, and that she often donated toward many of our fundraising events. Her lovely smile and joyful spirit has left a void in our hearts.

*Our sincere prayers are with you, her family, that our loving heavenly Father comfort you, and strengthen you with His peace in your loss. Take comfort in understanding that earth has no sorrow, that heaven cannot heal. May God's blessings be with you in this hour, and in the days ahead. Sincerely,
The Officers and Members of
The Greenview Reunion Foundation*

THE GREENVIEW REUNION FOUNDATION - March 04, 2025 at 04:03 PM

RB

“ Renee Boles

Renee Boles - March 04, 2025 at 01:39 PM

BR

“ Brigett Robinson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Thomas



Brigett Robinson - March 04, 2025 at 12:35 PM

DM

“ Shirley was my sister friend, we worked a long time together; she always kept it real! I am going to miss this short lady (my nickname for her) with all my heart and soul!!!! RIP My Friend!!!

Darra Mickle - March 04, 2025 at 12:30 PM

JT

“ Shirley will be missed from Jasmine lane use to seeing her going up and down the street waving .will be missed dearly

johnnie Taylor - March 04, 2025 at 10:29 AM

JB

“ To Keisha, Raven and the rest of the family you all are in my prayers. Mrs. Shirley was the sweetest person with a big heart and beautiful smile who was so loved by everyone. She will truly be missed.... Janice & Sidney Bell

Janice Bell - March 04, 2025 at 10:13 AM

DR

“ Shirley was my sister friend. I will treasure all the talks we shared of the group of people who proceeded us and all the good times we had. Shirley was an amazing and strong woman. She spoke so highly of her girls whom she was so proud of. I will miss you ❤️🙏

Delores Robinson - March 04, 2025 at 08:17 AM

PT

“ My Friend!!!! Jerry and I will miss your presence but will never forget the memories we shared together. The times we've shared together have been captured with pictures and will be seared in our hearts forever. Shirley, we love you and are grateful for the time we shared together.



Phyllis Thompson - March 03, 2025 at 11:36 PM

MM

“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of my gym seat mate. She was a joy to know. Please know that I am Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers. Shirley will be missed by everyone who knew.

Marlene M. McClerklin - March 03, 2025 at 10:15 PM

JM

“ Shirley was a sweet lovely person. She was always about getting things done. We work together and had a great friendship and we share fun moments. Our dear Shirley will be missed.

Jacqueline Mckinley - March 03, 2025 at 12:15 PM

DD

“ Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to The Thomas Family! Ms. Shirley was our neighbor and a friend. Ms. Shirley always had a willing spirit to help in any way. We will miss the talks, laughs and being a caring neighbor. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Ms. Shirley Thomas is resting safe in God's Arms!

Ms. Anne Dixon

Ms. Dena Dixon

Dena Dixon - March 02, 2025 at 09:05 PM

PM

“ Paulette Myrick lit a candle in memory of Shirley Thomas



Paulette Myrick - March 01, 2025 at 11:35 PM

PM

“ Paulette Myrick lit a candle in memory of Shirley Thomas



Paulette Myrick - February 28, 2025 at 07:20 PM

DD

“ Deacon James and Martha Dixon and family

Deacon James, Martha and Ebony Dixon - February 28, 2025 at 09:40 AM

DR

“ My BFF Shirley aka (popcorn) was a very sweet giving and loving friend. Always ready to do anything if she could. I will miss my friend in a way some may not understand. God surprised me but He had prepared me for what I did not know, My heart prayers and love goes out to her family and all who knew and loved her.)God was missing His popcorn. He’s loving on her now. RIP we will meet again 💔

Deacon James, Martha and R - February 28, 2025 at 09:37 AM

TJ

“ I have known Mrs. Thomas since I was a kid at Friendship Baptist Church. She has always been a sweet soul and like another mother to all the kids in the church. She will be missed.

Tia Johnson - February 27, 2025 at 10:26 AM

TP

“ I met Mrs. Shirley less than a year ago, everytime I saw her she was always pleasant with a loving spirit that filled the room..you will truly be missed..a short time yet a long lasting impact 💔



Tracy Pinkney - February 26, 2025 at 06:35 PM

ML

“ Our Deepest condolence to the family. CAJ Class 70

Mary Myers Livingston - February 26, 2025 at 02:56 PM

GF

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family and relatives and friends.*



Gloria Harrison Brown and Family's - February 26, 2025 at 04:59 AM

LG

Condolences to the family and prayers Ms. Thomas will truly be Missed her smiles always let you know that she loved God and others she labored in his house while she was here .and with a smile .Ms Laura Govan.

Laura Govan - March 01, 2025 at 08:44 AM

SH

Please accept our sincere condolences and know that we are here for you and your family Kisha!!

ShaKeara Hudson and Family

ShaKeara Hudson - March 03, 2025 at 12:02 PM

BR

“ *We, the Woods/Richardson family gives our condolences to the family late Mrs. Shirley Thomas.*

Brenda and Larry Richardson - February 26, 2025 at 01:00 AM