



## Shirley Lucille Williams

February 22, 1937 - December 21, 2021

In the early morning hours on Tuesday December 21, 2021, at 2:30 AM, our beloved mother Shirley Lucille Ellis Williams transitioned to paradise with her children by her side. Her children always told her she was the best mommy in the whole world; for her children she was and will always be.

She was the eldest daughter of Percy Clarence and Doris Lucille Ellis who preceded her in death. She was the ever-present sister for her loving siblings Yvonne Marie Redwine and Vickie Ann Percine Ellis.

Shirley was born February 22, 1937, in Harlem Hospital in New York, New York. She was a graduate of I.C. Norcom High School in Portsmouth, VA as well as being a Cum Laude Graduate from Norfolk State University an HBCU, where she attained a Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Education.

She was also preceded in death by her husband Earl Lee Williams, Sr., one son Earl Lee Williams, Jr., twin daughters Joyce Ellen and Jennifer Annette Williams, and one Granddaughter Ashley Jasmine Smith.

Shirley was joined in holy matrimony to Earl Lee Williams on January 7, 1956, in Portsmouth, Virginia. To that union were born six children, Terry Suzanne Smith, Earl Lee Williams Jr., (deceased), Joyce Ellen (deceased) and Jennifer Annette Williams (deceased), Faron Anthony Williams, and Sonya Kay Williams to whom she was a devoted mom.

Shirley was a dutiful and consummate Air Force Wife who created a loving home environment where her family thrived; wherever the duty station she faithfully prepared the home to function for the family's comfort and work or

school activities. Shirley worked for the Chesapeake Public School System as a Teacher's Aide and a Home School Worker; following her husband's retirement from the service and after her children finished public school, she embarked on a career as a kindergarten teacher with the South Hampton Public School System. This career was second nature for her as she often taught her children pre-K work in her own home, even writing books and providing boxed lunch for her "students".

Shirley was a long standing and active member of the Historic Zion Baptist Church in Portsmouth Virginia while her health permitted. During her tenure she was a part of the Sanctuary Choir, a founding member of the Active Women of Zion (AWOZ), a member of the Board of Christian Education, past member of the Pastors Search Committee, a member of the Women's Sunday School Class as well as being a past Youth Sunday School Teacher. Shirley was participant in multiple Women's Bible Study courses at Deep Creek Baptist Church. She was a member of Red Hatters and a past member of Jack and Jill's Chesapeake Chapter.

Shirley is survived by Terry S. Smith (Tunstille) of Richmond, VA, Faron A. Williams (Pamela) of Bealeton, VA, Sonya K. Williams (Garland James) of Havelock, NC, Sisters Yvonne M. Redwine of Tyler, TX, Vickie A. Ellis, of Suffolk, VA, a sister-in-law Lillie B. Williams of Portsmouth VA, Special son Todd E. Frazier of Portsmouth, VA. She also leaves her grandchildren Tunstille C. Smith II (Isis Sanders) of Richmond, VA, and granddaughters Jordan M. Thirus (Jasmine) of Richmond, VA, Evan E. Williams and their mother Rev. Emmetri Beane of Culpeper, VA and Richard C. Schlaff, Los Angeles, CA. She also leaves one Great granddaughter Brielle S. McClary of Richmond, VA. Additionally she leaves special cousins Erma Butcher and Joseph Turner, a special daughter Marion B. Fagan and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **16**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com  
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Church Service

JAN **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Baptist Church  
225 Hatton Street  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ Shirley Williams was a sweet person and loving mother of my friends. She loved her family dearly and her church. She will be greatly missed by the Dean/Hopkins family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.



Benita Dean Hopkins - January 15, 2022 at 10:32 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Lucille Williams.



January 15, 2022 at 08:51 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shirley Lucille Williams.



January 15, 2022 at 05:06 PM

KB

“ I will always, fondly, remember staying over at my Aunt Shirley's house when I was a child, with my dear cousins, Sonya, Terry, Tony, and (Jr.-deceased). From childhood to adulthood Aunt Shirley always treated my like I was one of her kids. Her house was my home away from home. I was constantly surrounded by her LOVE, LAUGHTER, and Gentle KINDNESS! That is the Legacy my Aunt Shirley leaves. She will always be in my heart and her memory will be forever cherished...with love. I am forever grateful. I LOVE YOU MY COUSINS!

Kathy Burton-Bell - January 15, 2022 at 04:01 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Lucille Williams.



January 15, 2022 at 01:48 PM

SW

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Sonya Williams - January 15, 2022 at 01:44 PM



“ 31 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - January 15, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ From the Lightfoot Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Shirley Lucille Williams.



From the Lightfoot Family - January 14, 2022 at 05:55 PM



“ From Shirley Williams' Children : In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial donation to Shirley's Church in her honor via CASH APP\$zbc1865 - Historic Zion Baptist Church or PAYMENTS CAN ALSO BE MAILED TO Zion Baptist Church, 225 Hatton St. Portsmouth, VA 23704. Or you may give online at: <https://www.zionbaptistva.com/index.php/giving>

Sonya Williams - January 13, 2022 at 09:01 AM

MB

“ *Such a beautiful and kind woman! So loved!* ”

Marion Blount-Fagan - January 10, 2022 at 02:14 PM

JB

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. I can remember your parents before they married. I knew her for the loving caring person she was. God bless and comfort you as only He can.* ”



Jacqueline Bradley - January 07, 2022 at 02:46 PM

SW

“ *Our favorite person in the world has gone to be with the Lord. Shirley Ellis Williams your impacts are far reaching and you gave all you knew lots of loving care. I miss you so mommy. I love you forever! See you in paradise when it is time. Your children will watch over each other as promised!* ”

Sonya Williams - January 04, 2022 at 02:14 PM

TS

“ *She was the best mother in the world* ”

Terry Smith - January 01, 2022 at 06:33 PM

SW

*The absolute best!*

Sonya Williams - January 05, 2022 at 07:36 AM



*So True*

Faron Williams - January 05, 2022 at 10:48 AM

EB

*My Loving Cousin, Who was A Sister to Me, Quiet and Caring Loving and Sincere , A Smile That Lit A Light of Love 🌹❤️ A Light That Shone and Shines in Her Loving Family*



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**Erma C. Butcher** - January 10, 2022 at 08:18 PM

PH

*She was the sweetest and the most kindest woman I have ever met. I enjoyed our time together especially when it was time for her to get her hair done, my mom would always come over and we would have a ball. We will always love you, RIP until we meet again.*

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**Phyllis Hinton** - January 13, 2022 at 08:01 PM