



Shirley Agnew

October 6, 1947 - January 10, 2007

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 North Jefferson Avenue. Rev. Geneva McAfee and Bishop Darryl Martin will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Tuesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Shirley passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at the age of 59 years. She was born October 6, 1947 in Lockesburg, Ark. to Raymond and Pearlle Whitmore. Shirley was a very active member of St. John's Holy Trinity Church where she served as a missionary. Shirley was a 1966 graduate of Saginaw High School and she was a very dedicated employee of Handley School for 17 years. She was a very caring and giving person who loved her family, enjoyed doing the Lord's work as well as traveling and gardening. She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband of 27 years, James A. Agnew; daughter, Kela Agnew; brother, Lamar (Dorothy) Whitmore of Springfield, MD; one niece, Randall Whitmore of Springfield, MD; two nephews, Bryant Whitmore of Canton, MI and Gregory Whitmore, San Diego, CA; two aunts, Cedell Thomas of Saginaw and Mildred McKinney of Wichita, KS; one uncle, Bennie L. Richardson of Wichita, KS; three cousins, Sandra and Roy Hicks (sister and brother "in heart"), Theresa Sims and Mae Robinson; sister-in-law Georgia Taylor of Columbus, Ohio; brother-in-law, Calvin Shade of Columbus, Ohio; many other relatives and friends, including the Richardson family and the Scroggins family and very special friends, Mother McAfee and family and the staff and students of Handley school. Shirley was preceded in death by her

parents; her brother, Mark Sharper; brothers-in-law, Paul Shade and Lawyer Shade and mother-in-law, Lottie Joe Collins. The family would like to express special thanks to the staffs of St. Mary's of Michigan 5th and 7th floors including 5th-floor nurses Tammy and Fran.

Tribute Wall



“ 10 years later mom, I'm being strong like you told me too. I love and miss you dearly. I will always keep your memory alive. RIH

K - December 29, 2017 at 09:36 PM



“ She was a very nice person and I wish she was still here with us.

Rachel Dilas - January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ James my condolences to you and your family, remember Shirley will always come to you in your dreams! God Bless!

Lupe Scroggins - January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ To James and Kela. There is no words that i could say or anything i could do, to change what GOD'S plan was for our precious Shirley. But I will say that the Lord does not make any mistakes. We all were blessed to have her on this earth plain for 27 years of your life Kela and James. And we have to hold on to the happy times, and know that she completed her work here in the land of the living. Which was the work of the Lord, and she did it very well, with all her heart. Now she is in heaven, and is still working his will, with Our LORD and SAVIOUR. Her spirit will always be with us. And one day we will see each other again, and know that she is at peace, she is also looking down on us with that sweet smile. Please know that I will always be here for you two as long as I have breath in my body. I truly have love in my heart for both of you. Always remember a family that prays together stays together, and by the grace of GOD we all will be alright. We are connected together forever. LOVE YOU VERY MUCH.

Sandra Hicks - January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

“ James,

I am so deeply sorry to hear about Shirley. Yet I know to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. I know Shirley is dancing around the throne of God in awe of His presence! I cannot say don't weep or I know how you feel. My heart goes out to you and Kela. I know God to be faithful and that He send people to love on us and encourage us on His behalf. Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might. He understands your loss and the undeniable pain that you are experiencing and will experience, for only He knows how long. God is a Healer and Comforter and James He will comfort you and Kela during the times you will need Him the most. As time pass He will heal your hearts. James I honor you for being a good friend, hard worker, wonderful husband and great father. It's is a blessing to see how God has honored you also with a beautiful wife in Shirley and lovely daughter in Kela (inside and out). Shirley has grace this earth with her presence and shared the love of Christ with all those that God sent her way. Now she is being escorted before the Almighty to receive her reward for being a good and faithful servant. A journey we all must be prepared for and should look forward too. Not to long ago I shared my heart with the Lord about the pain of losing a love one. I believe in my heart His reply was, "It is a beautiful time when we in Christ come home". It is truly a time of celebration and a unspeakable joy for Him! We live life in such a state that we forget to look forward to the day of being with our Creator. We all were born to return to Him. So with an urgency it's important to love, live, laugh and enjoy life to the fullest! So when the time comes for our love ones to be escorted into glory, it will not be a surprise. Yes it will hurt, but we can celebrate thinking of the joy they are experiencing and this joy will lift our hearts as well! God bless and continue to keep you and your love ones in His arms.

Love

Cynthia

Cynthia M. Riley - January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *May God be with you and shine his heavenly light upon you during this most difficult time. With all my prayers and sympathy.*

Barbara

Barbara Gill - January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *My kids attended Handley, and they loved Ms. Shirley. They were very sad to hear of her passing. She will not be forgotten in our hearts.*

Our prayers and thoughts are with your family.

Penny, Carissa, & Kady MacLennan - January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *James and Kela,
The boys and I are so sorry for your loss. Always remember that we are here for you but most importantly God is always here for you, to comfort you like no one else can. Shirley was a woman that loved the Lord and took pride in her work unto Him. The bible says "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted". Remember to pray without ceasing and continue to listen to God, allow Him to direct your paths and he will bring you through. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Ann Wirrick-Thomas - January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ God, its been years Family members. I just got back in touch with Hattie. But Cal & Georgia my prayers are with you guys and the other family members. I heard about Paul too, but him and I did talk before his passing while he was living in Flint. Take care. Peter

Peter Cooper - January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ The Agnew family thanks everyone for expressing their sympathy. Shirley is my mother and I am very thankful for the 27 years that she was on earth with me. I will miss her but I know that her spirit is always around me. Last but not least, there is no mother-daughter relationship better or stronger than our's.

Kela Agnew - January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

IB

“ Dear Whitmore Family, You have my deepest sympathy on the passing of Shirley. We were not close, but we knew each other at school. May God ease the pain in your hearts. Take Care, Ingrid Barkley & Family

Ingrid Barkley - January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM