



Shirley Ann Graham

June 22, 1942 - December 28, 2018

Shirley Graham Travelers Rest, SC

Shirley Ann Barnett Graham 76, went home to be with her heavenly father on Friday December 28, 2018. She was a devoted wife, treasured mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend. She was loved by so many people - including her church family at Travelers Rest Second Baptist, formerly known as Set Free Community Church. She was an active member of her church and loved her church family as much as her own. She had a loving, meek spirit, and was in constant prayer for all of those she loved and cared for. Shirley was employed by JPS Glass Fabrics as a lab technician for over 40 years and retired from there in 2004. She loved her work family and thought of them as such. She considers her coworker, Priscilla (Pris) Ann Tinney Mullinax, as a sister and beloved friend of whom she has maintained a friendship with; since the young age of 6 years old. Shirley and Priscilla have developed a friendship that has truly lasted a lifetime.

Shirley was predeceased by her husband of 40 years, Hoyt Thurman Graham. She loved him deeply and was not only his wife but his friend. Shirley met the love of her life at the age of 16 on a blind date. They dated for two years, and shortly after her 18th birthday eloped to become husband and wife. They spent 40 years enjoying their lives together and had many hobbies. One of their favorites was spending time on the lake. Shirley and Hoyt spent many days at their lake house enjoying their favorite pastime, fishing on their boat. It

was the quiet peaceful talks that drew them so close and strengthened their love.

She was also predeceased by her parents Jesse Lee Barnett and Daisy Elminee Johnson Barnett, and nine of her siblings, Douglas Elmore Barnett, Dorothy Lee Barnett Buchanan, Negil Barnett, Lionel Scott "Tony" Barnett, Wallace Bill Barnett, Nellie Ruth Barnett Holt, Sylvia Jean Barnett Short, Alvin Barnett, and Richard Clifton Barnett.

Shirley was predeceased by a grandson Jadan Graham Howard. She was able to hold her grandson one time after his birth, and is now able to hold him in heaven, alongside her family and friends. Shirley had a unique love for her grandchildren, and nothing would make her smile more than they. She will enjoy sharing her heavenly home with Jadan by her side.

Shirley is survived by two children, Hoyt Keith Graham and Cynthia Ann Graham Howard, as well as a daughter in law Connie Lee Timmons Graham, and a son in law Thomas Melville Howard IV, five grandchildren, Chrissy Leanne Graham Taylor, Kasey Marcelle Graham, Caitlyn Defaris Howard, Tristan David Howard, and Jordan Isaac Howard (her little Rat), a grandson in law, Matthew Daniel Taylor, and four great grandchildren, McKayla Cheyenne Lesley, Brayden Hoyt Lesley, Aleeha Shay Hannan, and Raelynn Keith Graham. Her grandchildren were her joys in life and she would shake heaven in prayer for them. She played a unique role in leading some of them to the lord. She was their sitter and they spent many hours and days with her. She instilled in them the love of Christ and exhibited that on her daily walk.

She is also survived by one sister Hazel Carlene Barnett Hamlette and brother in law Jimmy Dale Hamlette, and sisters in law Dinah Louise Duncan Barnett, Clara Estelle Bolt Barnett, Carolyn Patricia McKinney Barnett, Geisla Wessel Barnett, and Patty Imogene Graham Thomas and thirty-three nieces and nephews, six of which are predeceased.

A visitation will be held on Thursday January 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Howze Mortuary in Travelers Rest, South Carolina.

Funeral services will be held on Friday January 4, 2019 at 2:00 pm at Marietta

First Baptist Church in Marietta, South Carolina with a graveside service to follow at Coleman Memorial Cemetery in Travelers Rest, South Carolina. You are invited to a reception at Marietta First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall and Parlor following the graveside service.

The family will be at the home of Cynthia Howard.

The Graham and Howard families would like to thank you all for your condolences and support.

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest is in charge of arrangements. (864) 834-8051

Cemetery Details

Coleman Memorial Cemetery

1599 Geer Hwy
Travelers Rest, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Church Service

JAN 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Marietta First Baptist Church
Highway 276 Geer Highway/P.O. Box 337
Marietta, SC

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Morency's purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Shirley Ann Graham.*



The Morency's - January 04, 2019 at 11:22 AM

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“ *To the family, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

I had the pleasure to work with "Miss Shirley" at JPS. She was a dedicated lab technician and excellent at her job!! I especially loved her laugh and she laughed often. She always had a smile for everyone!!! We will always remember you!!

Neva Granger - January 03, 2019 at 05:04 PM



“ *Chantee Revels lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Graham*



Chantee Revels - January 03, 2019 at 02:25 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Graham.*



January 01, 2019 at 11:37 AM



“ *Heaven gained an angel with aunt Shirley. So many fond memories of times spent at her home as a child. Cynthia, Keith and families please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you, Sherry*

Sherry Morgan - January 01, 2019 at 11:36 AM



“ *Joyce King Thorne lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Graham*



Joyce King Thorne - December 31, 2018 at 09:51 PM



“ *Janet Buchanan Gravely lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Graham*



Janet Buchanan Gravely - December 31, 2018 at 02:25 PM

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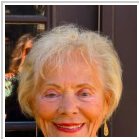
“ Cynthia and family, deepest sympathy in the death of your mother.

Frances Pace - December 30, 2018 at 05:30 PM

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“ Cynthia and family, I know your heart is broken losing your mom, she was such a sweet lady and friend. My prayers are with you and your family. I'll miss seeing her smiling face in the beauty shop every week. God's comfort and peace to you that only He can give. I'm here if you need anything.

peggy williams - December 30, 2018 at 04:29 PM



“ I'm so sad to learn of Shirley's passing. I knew her as a young woman when we were both married to brothers. I know her family will feel a terrible loss. Prayers for you all. Lois Heffington Brown

Lois Brown - December 29, 2018 at 09:34 PM

RG

“ Shirley may you RIP just know that you are going to be missed and we love you. Roxanne and Michael, Austin, Dustin



Roxanne Green - December 29, 2018 at 08:27 PM

AA

“ Cynthia and Family;
Please know you are in our prayers.. Your Mom was a special lady and I know she will be missed by all who knew and loved her..

Annie Anderson - December 29, 2018 at 07:33 PM