



Shirley Jean Graham

April 23, 1946 - December 10, 2011

Mattoon, IL-Shirley Jean Graham, age 65, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 10:31 p.m., Saturday, December 10, 2011. The funeral service in her honor will begin at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 15, 2011, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. Bishop Sylvester E. Calvin from the House of Miracles Center in Chicago will officiate. Visitation will be held Wednesday evening from 7:00-10:00 p.m., at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home. A graveside service will later be held in Jackson, MS, at the Autumn Woods Cemetery. Born April 23, 1946, in Hollandale, MS, Shirley was the daughter of the late Willie and Essie (Fenderson) Calvin. She married her former husband, Lee Edward Graham in 1961. He survives. She leaves four children: John Kennedy Graham, Edward Foster- Graham, William Anthony Graham, and Seniece Ann Graham; her long life love, Louis Calvin; four brothers: Willie A. Calvin, Willie B. Calvin, William Calvin, and Eugene Calvin; 3 sisters: Dianne Coleman, Willie Mae Calvin, and Ethaline Walker; special nieces and nephews: Christopher Calvin, Kea Calvin, Kyra Calvin-Holman, and Tiffany Payton. She also leaves her boyfriend, Robert Horath, and a host of grandchildren and God-children including two special God-sons, Phillip Joyner and Nicholas Jefferson. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; her step-mother, Anna Mae Calvin; and a sister-in-law, Linda Calvin. For the last eleven years, Shirley had worked for Mattoon Health Care where she was loved by the staff and residents and had been named Housekeeper of the Year and Employee of the Month. Another role that she took on with great pride and responsibility was that of a Human Rights Activist for Coles County. Family and friends were treasures to Shirley, and she cherished time spent with them. She was loved by many and losing her has made a tremendous impact on them all. Shirley was one of God's many angels sent here to teach, touch, and love.

Memorial contributions in her honor may be made to the First-Mid Illinois Bank and Trust in her name. Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with her family.

Tribute Wall

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“ *To the family, my deepest sympathy. Ms. Shirley was one who always kept it real.*

Darniece Tate-McCain - September 17, 2012 at 11:05 PM

KC

“ *I'AM TRULY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.*

KATHLENE CALVIN - December 23, 2011 at 05:21 AM

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“ *Shirley is sadly missed by all that knew her. She was so kind and I loved to hear her laugh and see her smile! Working with her and knowing her has been a pleasure. My thoughts are with you all!*

Kelli Shriver - December 15, 2011 at 02:17 AM

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“ *Shirley you will be truly missed. I will miss the enormous smile and how your presence would always make me smile. Cousin I LOVE YOU with all my heart and will miss you. Gone but NEVER forgotten... Love you, Your cousin Shawn...*

Shawn Calvin - December 15, 2011 at 01:54 AM

PC

“ *My mother was a resident at the nursing home where your mom worked and she really loved her. She was always happy and smiling and kind to my mom no matter what time a day it was when I was there. My mom is in heaven now, too and I give my deepest sympathy for the family*

patricia campbell - December 14, 2011 at 08:33 PM

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“ *i am very sorry for your lost. she was a fun lady to work with. she will be sadly miss*

pam fluckey - December 14, 2011 at 12:40 PM