

# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call:  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I found my place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too shall miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow:  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savoured much;  
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.

Perhaps my life seemed all too brief:  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me;  
God wanted me now, He set me free.



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# *A Celebration of Life*



**Shirley Mae Fant**  
*Young*

**May 19, 1950-July 23, 2021**

**Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 1:00 PM**

**Newberry Memorial Gardens**

**Newberry, South Carolina**

**Reverend Sammie Robinson, Officiating**



# The Life and Legacy of Mrs. Shirley Mae Fant Young

Mrs. Shirley Mae Fant Young was born May 19, 1950 in Newberry, South Carolina to the late Harvey Lee Fant and the late Jessie Lee Dudley Fant. She entered into Eternal Rest on Friday, July 23, 2021 at Prisma Health Richland Hospital.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church where she served as an Usher and a member of the choir. Mrs. Young was employed with Newberry College food service as a Head Baker for over 30 years. She was a graduate of Gallman High School class of 1968.

Mrs. Young was predeceased by a son, Anthony Fant; two sisters, Carrie Davis and Patricia Baylor; two brothers, Reverend James Willie Fant and Raymond Fant.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories her loving husband of 51 years Wallace Young; daughter, Jessima Young; son, Maurice Young; one brother, John Fant of Newberry, SC; five sisters, Patricia Ann Abernathy of Camden, SC; Linda Senn (Fred), Edith Fant, Connie Brown and Harriett Gallman all of Newberry, SC; two step-sisters, Mary Booker (Vance) of Lockhart, SC; Cynthia Anderson (Claude) of Clinton, SC; three step-brothers, Charles Long, Obie Long and Jerry Long all of Newberry, SC; five sisters-in-law, Marthetta Rutherford of Marietta, GA; Pastor Willie Fant of Joanna, SC; Dorothy Scurry (Sammy) of Roosevelt, NY; Sarah F. Young and Catherine Chaplin of Newberry, SC; ten grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, devoted friends, Barbara Sligh, Josephine Crosby and Mary Ellis; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A beautiful church family at Calvary Baptist Church.

## Remember Me

Speak of me as you have always done.  
Remember the good times, laughter, and fun.

Share the happy memories we've made.  
Do not let them wither or fade.

I'll be with you in the summer's sun  
And when the winter's chill has come.

I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze.  
I'm peaceful now, put your mind at ease.

I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep,  
But memories we've shared are yours to keep.

Sometimes our final days may be a test,  
But remember me when I was at my best.

Although things may not be the same,  
Don't be afraid to use my name.

Let your sorrow last for just a while.  
Comfort each other and try to smile.

I've lived a life filled with joy and fun.  
Live on now, make me proud of what  
you'll become.

**Author Unknown**

## Order of Service

Hymn Calvary Baptist Church Choir

Scripture Readings  
Old Testament Reverend Stepheny Pratt  
New Testament Reverend Bridget Goodwin

Prayer Reverend Jacqueline R. Sims

Remarks Deacon John Reeder

Solo Reverend Jacqueline R. Sims

Words of Comfort Reverend Sammie Robinson, Pastor  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Newberry, South Carolina

Committal and Benediction

Interment Newberry Memorial Gardens  
Newberry, South Carolina

## Acknowledgment

We, the family of the late Shirley Mae Fant Young,  
wish to express our heartfelt appreciation  
for the many acts of kindness shown during  
our bereavement.  
May God richly bless each of you.