

# A HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

*for*

*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 his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will 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 one's touch,*

*Perhaps my time 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.*

## *B*ALLBEARERS

Dwight Austin  
Roshad Ragin  
Dionte Farmer  
Deondre Chaney  
Frank Austin  
Joseph Higgins

## *I*NTERMENT

**Hallandale Beach Cemetery**  
801 N.W. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Hallandale Beach, Florida 33009

## *A*CKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For all the kindness you have shown,  
We thank you very much.

For sympathy in sorrowing days,  
For friendships healing touch.  
With gratitude our hearts are full  
Though words cannot convey  
The tender thoughts and thankfulness  
We hold for you today.

- The Family of Shirley Walker Austin

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*Shirley*  
**WALKER AUSTIN**

*Saturday December 5, 2020 ~ 11:00 A.M.*

**HOLY TEMPLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

2341 N.W. 143<sup>rd</sup> Street

Opa- Locka Florida 33054

*Rev. Joseph L. Kelly Pastor/ Officiating*

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# OBITUARY

Shirley Walker Austin was born to the late Henry and Pauline Walker on the beautiful day of October 11, 1944 in Blakely, Georgia.

Later in life, her family relocated to Miami, Florida. She was educated in the Miami – Dade County Public School System. Shirley received her High School Diploma from North Dade Sr. High School.

She met and married the love of her life, Robert Austin. This union was blessed with 4 children. Two of which preceeded her in death, Robert Austin Jr, and Vincent Austin

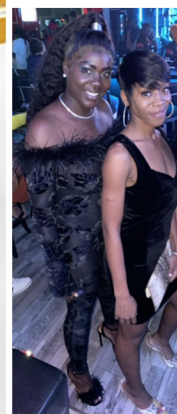
Shirley worked at the City of Opa Locka as a School Crossing Guard for many years before walking in her true calling in the Dietary Department at Parkway Hospital where she worked until she retired.

Shirley was a member of the Holy Temple Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Joseph L. Kelley, where she served on Usher Board #2 for many years until her health began to fail.

She was preceeded in death by her son's, Robert Austin Jr, & Vincent and her grandson, Lavares Austin.

On the morning of November 29, 2020 at 2:54AM. Shirley triumphantly answered the masters call and peacefully transcended into her eternal home.

Shirley leaves to cherish her memories her children, Dwight Austin, Cynthia Austin, Pamela Stevens & Frank Austin; her grandchildren, Darius, Dionte, Kilvondra, Rosheena, Roshad, Stanley, Raphael, Sariyah, Saniya & Kamari; her brothers and sisters, Allen Walker, Willis Walker (Alice), Douglas Walker (Brenda), Paulette Walker, and Yvette Walker; two god daughters, Darlene King and Shamacca Lawson; her real good friend, Shirley Banks, along with a host of other relatives and friends.



## Family is LOVE What is family?

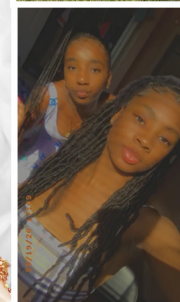
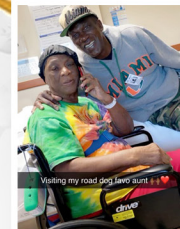
I'm quite sure if you define the word family. You will find several meanings. My definition is a simple word, and that's love. Family is LOVE to me. Love is a word that's ben used in so many ways. It's sometimes not shown enough in action. With family it's a dep bond we have with one another. It's a bond we have no control being a part of. This bond was destined by God. God is the one that designated for us to be family. We are the ones that should protect our bond as family. By showing compasion, loving caring, and respecting one another. Family is love.

### The Family

Our family  
A circle of Strength  
founded on Faith  
joined by Love  
kept by God  
Together Forever



### National Siblings Day



# ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Earth's Final Glance

Selection ..... Choir

Invocation ..... Minister

Scripture Readings ..... Minister

Old Testament

New Testament

Solo ..... Valencia Brown

Praise Dance ..... Paris and Sariyah

Reflections

As A Friend/ As I Knew Her ..... Naomi Williams

As A Church Member ..... Carolyn Renfoe Garner

As A Daughter ..... Pamela Stevens

As A Grandmother ..... Kia Austin / Sheena Ragin

Resolution ..... City of Opa Locka

Holy Temple M.B. Church

Acknowledgements .... Eric S. George Funeral Home Staff

Selection ..... Choir

Eulogy ..... Rev. Joseph L. Kelley

Recessional

