

Order of Service

Pastor James Summer ~ Presider

Prelude

Processional

Scripture

Old & New Testament

Linda Jordan

Prayer of Consolation

Obituary Reading

Shundra Floyd

Reflections

(Two Minutes Please)

Selection

Ronnie Neal

Eulogy

Bishop Kenneth Neal

Acknowledgements

*M. D. Walker Funeral Home
Apostle Dr. Calvin A. Cooper II*

Recessional

~ Interment ~

*Lincoln Cemetery
2275 Joseph E Boone Blvd NW
Atlanta, GA 30314*

Our Expression of Gratitude

We are never quite prepared to face life's darkest hours alone. At such times, the thoughtful expression of friends in so many ways make's the dawn come quicker, the burden seems lighter, and the cross seems more like a crown. The passing of our loved one brought us the realization of what it means to have friends. The opportunity of knowing that people can be so kind and helpful. Every prayer, visit, card, thoughts, and many other tangible ways in which kindness was shown was deeply appreciated. We shall never forget.

~ The Family ~

Professional Services Entrusted To:



M. D. Walker Funeral Home

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A Celebration of Life

For Sheila Franklin-Bankston



Sunrise June 21, 1959 ~ Sunset December 24, 2022

Thursday, December 29, 2022 at 12:00 P.M.

Restoration And Deliverance Church of God and Christ

5370 Ash St

Forest Park, GA 30297

Pastor James Summer ~ Pastor

Reflections of Life

Sheila Owens Franklin-Bankston was born in Atlanta, Georgia at Grady Hospital on June 21, 1959, to the late Mose Owens and Sylvia Louise Owens. Sheila grew up in Martel Homes in East Point, Georgia. She attended Quillian Elementary School and Russell High School in East Point. At a young age she loved to sing and perform, something she admired from her father Mose Owens and brother Morris "Lab" Owens. She would perform throughout her life in bands but especially in church.

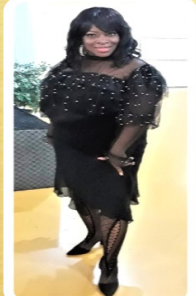
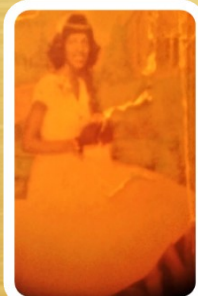
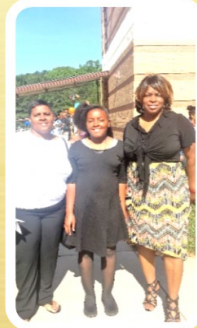
Sheila attended Control Data Institute and Atlanta Area Tech where she studied controlled data and child development, respectively. She would marry John Franklin and together they had two children Johnny Franklin and Shelita Franklin. She would later remarry to John Bankston.

Her childhood friend Howard Pullins would provide support, care, kindness, and love to Sheila in her last days. He was ever present to attend to her needs without concern for acknowledgment or praise. He provided companionship, friendship, and love. He will always be loved as Family.

Sheila loved her family and friends and she showed support by coming to any event, graduation, wedding, birthday party, or anniversary party and brought her sense of humor, fun, and laughter with her. Her presence and fun loving spirit will truly be missed by all who came across her path.

Sheila is preceded in death by her parents Mose and Sylvia Owens, and brother Morris Owens.

Sheila's is survived by her children Johnny Franklin and Shelita Franklin; sister Vita Jones; Nieces and Nephews Merinda Bryant, Sonya Walls, Tonya Owens, Liveta Jones, Sherdeira Jones, Jamila Jones, Gabriel Jones, Morris Owens Jr., Danielle Jones, Richard Jones, Joshua Jones, Landreika Jones, Jarvious Jones; and a host of great nieces and nephews.



Poem

When Great Trees Fall
by Maya Angelou

*When great trees fall,
rocks on distant hills shudder,
lions hunker down
in tall grasses,
and even elephants
lumber after safety.*

*When great trees fall
in forests,
small things recoil into silence,
their senses
eroded beyond fear.*

*When great souls die,
the air around us becomes
light, rare, sterile.
We breathe, briefly.*

*Our eyes, briefly,
see with
a hurtful clarity.
Our memory, suddenly sharpened,
examines,
gnaws on kind words
unsaid,
promised walks
never taken.*

*Great souls die and
our reality, bound to
them, takes leave of us.
Our souls,
dependent upon their
nurture,
now shrink, wizened.*