# Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways
of happy times and laughing times
and bright and summer days.
I'd like the tears of those who
grieve to dry before the sun
of happy memories that I leave
When life is done.



Michael Washington Jesse Langston

Kentrel Washington

Jayson Langston

**Karlos Washington** 

**Depaul Langston** 

#### Interment

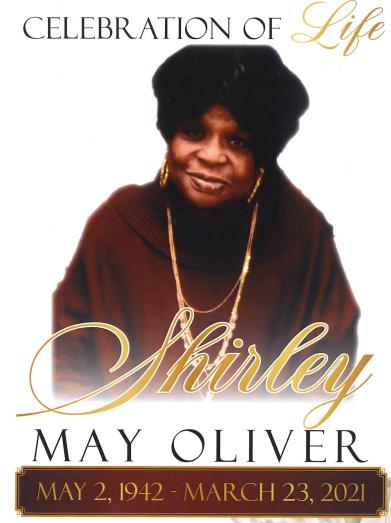
New Bethlehem Memorial Park Cemetery 9650 Bellefontaine Road St. Louis, Missouri 63137

### Acknowledgement

The Family of Mrs. Shirley May Oliver would like to thank everyone for their prayers, condolences, positive energy, and love received through this difficult time.







Saturday, April 10, 2021 View/Walk Through: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Celebration of Life: 10:00 AM

BAUCOM'S LIFE CELEBRATION CENTER
9480 Lewis and Clark Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63136

Pastor Zachary Mullens, Officiating Rebirth C.M.E. Church 1434 Clinton Street - St. Louis, Missouri 63106

## Reflections of Life

Shirley May Washington was born in St. Louis, Missouri on May 2, 1942. She was the middle child of three born to the union of Katherine Howlett and Frank R. Washington.

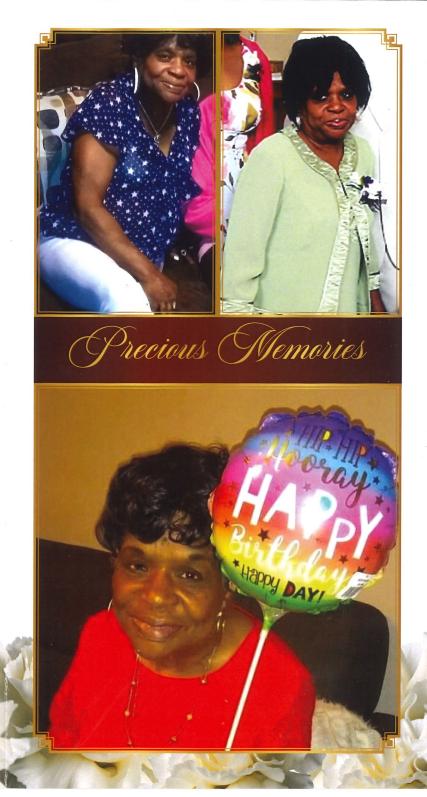
Shirley accepted Christ into her life at an early age and stayed faithful until her passing. On April 6, 1974, Shirley married Wilbur T. Oliver. The two enjoyed many years of holy matrimony and renewed their vows in 1995.

Shirley had a long tenure at Bussman Fuses. It was there where she met coworkers who became life-long friends, along with their familys. She was passionate about healthcare and early childhood education and had an impressive career with several organizations, including St. Engelbert's Catholic Church and Kidz Learning Center. This also showed in the care she provided for her grandchildren and great-nieces and nephews.

Shirley was a dynamic and creative spirit. As the matriarch of her family, she passed down many of her loves, including, cooking, music, décor, fashion, board/card games, and so much more. Shirley was the epitome of strength, a shoulder to cry to on, and an ever-listening ear. She was truly generous with her time, love, and light. Shirley was liked by many and loved by all!

In addition to her parents, Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur T. Oliver, brother, Lawrence Washington, two grandchildren, Kristopher and Lil Mike, son-in-law Michael F. Williams, and a dear and lifelong friend, Clara Mallory-Wings.

On March 23, 2021, Shirley heard that gentle voice and was peacefully called home. She leaves to cherish her memory: three children, Mia, Michael, and Makieba; fifteen grandchildren, Kentrel, Kia, Karlos, Kiara, Kenneth, Keith, Kayla, Kristina, Michael, MaKeisha, Laron, Mariah, Makiya, Mariana, and Micah; one sister, Gwendolyn Langston; eleven greatgrandchildren and two additional grands on the way; and a circle of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



## Order of Service

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Prayer and Scripture ReadingPastor Z	achary Mullens
Rebirth	C.M.E. Church
A Message from Her Children	Iia Washington
	Makieba Oliver
Mich	ael Washington
Musical Selection	.Lillian Curlett
A Message from Her Grandchildren	Kia Washington
Poem Kris	tina Henderson
Acknowledgements and Condolences	
Life Reflections (Read Silently)	
"One Sweet Day" Antoine Washington, Sax	ophone Player
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