



Mrs. Shirley A. Brown

February 7, 1942 - July 2, 2025

“For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ, which is far better:” Philippians 1:23 KJV

Mrs. Shirley Runell Adams Brown entered eternal rest on July 02, 2025, at the age of 83. She was surrounded by the love and prayers of family and friends and passed peacefully into the arms of the Lord.

Born on February 07, 1942 to Cotelious Adams and Ernest M. Fogg in Greenville, NC, Shirley lived a life marked by grace, faith, and service. She received baptism at 12 years old and at 17 years old accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior. Thereafter, she began a life-long mission to fulfill the Great Commission. She attended South Ayden High School from which she graduated in 1962. She and Leroy Cox Brown married on June 14, 1963. Their union produced six children. Shirley attended and completed the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program at Pitt Technical Institute (now Pitt Community College). As a CNA, Shirley worked at Pitt County Memorial Hospital (now ECU Health), Greenville Villa Nursing Home, and as an in-home health care provider. She was a devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, cousin, godmother, friend, and a faithful servant of God whose light touched many lives.

Shirley was an active member of Greater Morning Star Holy Church of Deliverance in Ayden, NC where she found joy in worship, fellowship, and living out the teachings of Christ. Her unwavering faith carried her through life's trials and served as a living testimony to those around her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Cotelious Fogg; husband, Leroy Cox Brown; sons, Gregory M. Brown and Eric A. Brown; grandson, Darios M. Brown; sister, Virginia D. Maye; and brothers, Earnest Foggs and Willie J. Foggs, Sr.

Shirley is survived by her children: Keisha (Curtis), Monty (Dawn), Berry (Deloris), and Kerry (Tammy); one stepdaughter, Bernadette; 17 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; goddaughter, Robin Wilson; and a host of loving family and friends.

The family would like to extend special recognition and gratitude to granddaughter Kedara Phillips and for her exceptional dedication and service.

“Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” Matthew 25:23 KJV

“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.” (1 Thessalonians 4:13 KJV). We rejoice in the promise that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Estate

5971 Dudley Road
Grifton, NC 28530

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church
1001 Hooker Road
Greenville, NC 27834

Celebration of Life Service

JUL 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

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1001 Hooker Road
Greenville, NC 27834

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - August 28, 2025 at 11:49 AM

AH

“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



Angela Nicole Hooks - January 02 at 05:13 PM

VL

“ *I have only the fondest of memories for my Shirley--May she rest in heavenly peace forevermore. Love you Shirley 🌹 ... your niece Gin (aka Virginia Little Spellman, Brooklyn, NY)*



Virginia Little - July 26, 2025 at 07:28 PM

KR

“ 3 files added to the album Shirley A. Brown



KRBrown - July 14, 2025 at 06:01 AM

KB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



K Brown - July 14, 2025 at 05:55 AM

BR

“ Bernadette Roberson, my condolences to the family and Mrs. Shirley, I love you and you will be surely missed. Much love.



Bernadette Roberson - July 12, 2025 at 01:43 PM

PJ

“ *In memory of my dear departed cousin Shirley Adams Brown, Over the year of knowing you I have been and will always hold you close to my heart. Remembering conversations we’ve had during the ups and down of life and how encouraging your words of prayer as help me. Thank you dear cousin. I know that we will someday meet again. Rest well dear lady in the arm of almighty Jesus.*



Patrick Adams Jr. - July 12, 2025 at 01:37 PM

BR

“ *Ms. Bernadette Roberson, my condolences to Mrs Shirley, I love you and I miss you. Much love.*

Bernadette Roberson - July 12, 2025 at 01:32 PM

BM

“ *Brenda Morris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley A. Brown*



Brenda Morris - July 11, 2025 at 10:42 PM

ES

“ *My deepest condolences are extended to the family.*

Ethel Sutton - July 11, 2025 at 09:27 PM

RH

“ *Rev.Cathy Harper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley A. Brown*



Rev.Cathy Harper - July 11, 2025 at 06:05 PM

RH

“ *My condolences and prayers are with my family. My cousin Shirley was a sweet woman of God always smiling and rejoicing in the Lord. She would always tell me that look more like her mother than she did. Will truly miss you cousin but we meet again in our Father kingdom. Love Rev. Cathy Harper* 🤝🙏🤝



Rev.Cathy Harper - July 11, 2025 at 06:03 PM

BG

“ *Sending our sincere heartfelt sympathy to our family. You're in our heart's and prayers. SIP Cuz*



Betty Jones Guion - July 10, 2025 at 01:30 PM

SR

“ *Sheila Roach lit a candle in memory of Shirley Brown*



Sheila Roach - July 09, 2025 at 05:12 PM

JK

“*Joyce King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley A. Brown*



Joyce King - July 09, 2025 at 08:11 AM

MH

“*Mona Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley A. Brown*



Mona Harris - July 09, 2025 at 07:56 AM

MD

“*Maria & Tony Dail lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley A. Brown*



Maria & Tony Dail - July 09, 2025 at 12:25 AM

EE

“*My sincere condolences to the family. Sorry for your loss, Ms Shirley will be missed. May God continue to bless you, watch over and strengthen you. I'll keep you all in my prayers.*



Elder Gregory Edwards - July 08, 2025 at 10:45 PM

PJ

“ *Sending condolences to the family.*

Pamela Jackson - July 08, 2025 at 10:43 PM

GH

“ *Gayle Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley A. Brown*



Gayle Hardy - July 08, 2025 at 08:35 PM

VR

“ *I will surely miss my cousin's smile and witness. I loved her and always enjoyed the times we shared, especially when I sneaked her a slice of cake. Trust in the Lord. I thank him for such a beautiful person who touched my heart.*

Cousin Veronica W. Roberson



Veronica W. Roberson - July 08, 2025 at 07:17 PM

AD

“ *Keisha and family, Mrs. Shirley was a sweet lady and I am praying strength for you all and know that God has His arms around you all.*

Andreal Anthony (Dee Dee) - July 08, 2025 at 04:52 PM

RP

“ Grandma (Grandmother-n-Law) Shirley could Smile like your Life Long Friend or Frown Like your Number One Enemy 🙄
Straightforward and Pulled No Punches. Thank You for accepting me as Family from day one and Caring Everyday after. You Are Missed Already!

Reginald Preddy - July 08, 2025 at 04:21 PM



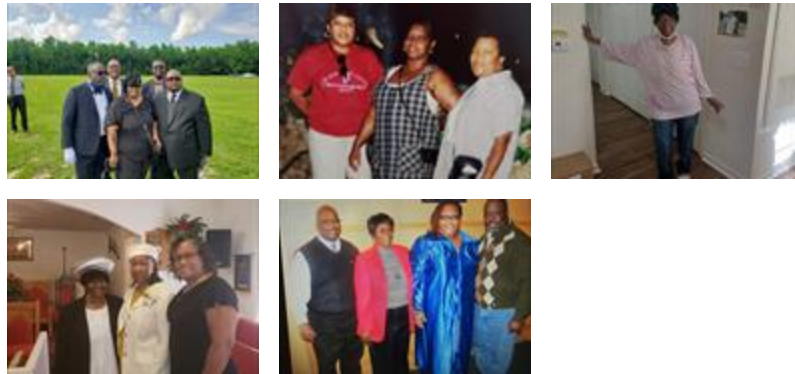
“ Janice Reid lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley A. Brown



Janice Reid - July 08, 2025 at 07:45 AM

BB

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Berry Brown - July 07, 2025 at 07:38 PM

SP

“ Sarah Pritchard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley A. Brown



Sarah Pritchard - July 07, 2025 at 05:42 PM

VB

“ Shirley will be truly missed. Such joyful conversations whenever or wherever we ran into each other. Rest in peace sweet Lady.

Vivien Bizzell - July 07, 2025 at 05:08 PM

GW

“ Gina Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley A. Brown



Gina Williams - July 07, 2025 at 05:06 PM

JJ

“ JEROME JILES lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley A. Brown



JEROME JILES - July 07, 2025 at 02:02 PM

JD

“ Condolences to the family.

Johnny Davis - July 07, 2025 at 01:52 PM

NM

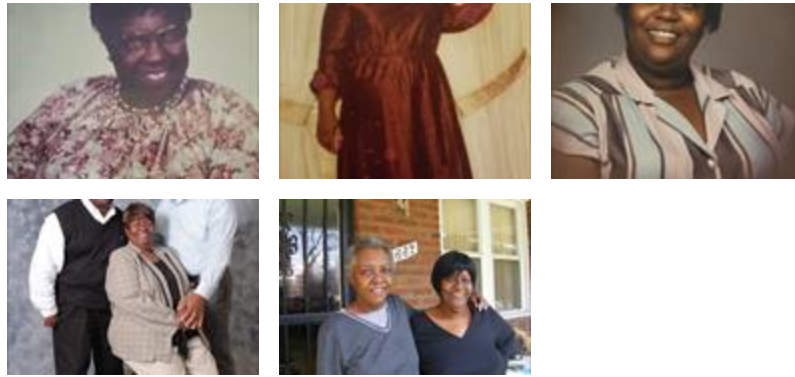
“ Norman Marable lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley A. Brown



Norman Marable - July 07, 2025 at 01:47 PM

BB

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Berry Brown - July 07, 2025 at 01:35 PM

BB

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Berry Brown - July 07, 2025 at 01:24 PM

HV

“ Our sincere sympathy and condolences and prayers for the family. Shirley has been a long time friend of our family. Be comforted and trust God through the process.

Hazel Cannon Vance & the The Cannon family

Hazel Vance - July 07, 2025 at 12:41 PM



DC

“ Love and prayers to the family 🙏🙏🙏🙏, love you aunt shirley you will be missed but not forgotten. DC

Denise Chiedo - July 06, 2025 at 08:22 PM



“ Tonya Ebron lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley A. Brown

Tonya Ebron - July 06, 2025 at 02:31 PM



DB

“ Grandma, I love you “Suge.” Rest easy Queen until we meet again, just sneak out of heaven and wink at me from time to time I’ll be there winking back. A star, a dove or an angel I know it’s you.
- Your Queen.

Dee. Brown - July 06, 2025 at 12:49 PM

AM

“ *Angelita Marable lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley A. Brown*



Angelita Marable - July 05, 2025 at 12:52 PM

DL

“ *God has spoken. To Berry and the Brown Family, you are in my prayers. May you find comfort and strength in the days and nights to come. Ms. Shirley was a former student of my Dad's at South Ayden High School and a friend to our family. When my Mom's health began to fail, Ms. Shirley willingly made herself available to drive for my parents. I vividly remember seeing her at NCA&T's homecoming with Ms. Ann Brown for many years. As you adjust to this new chapter in your life, know that a mother's love is forever and is always with you. I too know this journey. God bless and keep you.*

*Dr. Evetta Lawrence-Davis,
AGHS Class of 83*

Dr. Evetta Lawrence-Davis - July 05, 2025 at 09:19 AM

FS

“ *Dear Berry and Family, I am sorry to learn of your Mother's passing. I remember Mrs Shirley's beautiful spirit that was so captivating. I am praying for eternal rest for your Mother and continued prayers for you. May God continue to bless and keep you lifted. Flo Smith and Mills Family (Winston Salem and Ayden, NC).*



Flo Smith - July 05, 2025 at 07:30 AM

EH

“ My Condolences And Prayers Are With The Family 🙏🙏🙏



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - July 04, 2025 at 11:53 AM

ME

“ My deepest condolences to Berry, Kerry, Monty, Keisha from the Edwards family. All of us go way back to East Avenue Crew and Mill Street. We trust in God for strength at this difficult time. It was a great pleasure to let her hear me singing one of her favorite songs before God sent his phone call and she answered it. Just know that I'm here for all of you especially my daughter Lacina her oldest granddaughter in anyway you may need me to be. Forever in my heart, closing with her favorite song: We shall be changed, changed from immortal to immortality in a twinkling of an eye.

Marcha Edwards - July 04, 2025 at 11:29 AM

BA

“ To the Brown family you have my sincere heartfelt condolences Keisha you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Belinda Anderson - July 04, 2025 at 10:42 AM

JD

My condolences to the family.

Johnny Davis - July 05, 2025 at 11:25 AM

JD

My condolences to the family.

Johnny Davis - July 05, 2025 at 11:27 AM

PD

“ *Peggy Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley A. Brown*



Peggy Daniels - July 04, 2025 at 02:55 AM

DC

“ *To the Family of Mrs. Shirley R. Brown:*

Berry, Kerry, Monty, Keisha and Family,

Kiana and I are so sorry to hear about loss of your Mother and Dear Loved One. Your Mother and I have been friends for more than 50 years. We attended and graduated from South Ayden High School and although I relocated, we have stayed in contact throughout the years. She was a very dear friend and I will miss our many phone conversations — and prayers.

She always made me and my Daughter, who she called Nicey, welcome.

May God comfort you and give you strength during this time and days to come. And may you have many special memories of times you shared and spent together.

*Deloris Dail Curtis and Kiana D. Curtis
Bridgeport, CT*

Deliris Dail Curtis - July 03, 2025 at 09:47 PM

CS

“ *Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley A. Brown*



Cecily Sene - July 02, 2025 at 02:54 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - July 02, 2025 at 01:35 PM