



Mrs. Shirley Ward

August 12, 1937 - October 5, 2025

Shirley Temple Sheppard Ward passed away at the age of 88 on October 05, 2025 while surrounded by her loving family at Greenville Health & Rehabilitation in Greenville, NC.

Shirley was born on August 12, 1937 in Robersonville to the late Lanzie Sheppard and Estella Lawrence Sheppard.

Shirley's education was obtained in Martin County, North Carolina. She worked at Risdon Manufacturing in Danbury, CT for more than 15 years. After her mother's illness, she moved back to NC and started to work at Family Favorites Restaurant, Robersonville, NC for over 20 years until she retired.

Shirley is preceded in death by her daughter, Tammy Sue Ward; her siblings, James Sheppard, Roosevelt Sheppard, Sadie Mae Sheppard, Stella Mae Higgs and Luetta Callands.

Shirley is survived by her three children: Mary Ann Ward of Greenville, NC, James Russell Ward and Walter Ward Jr., both of Connecticut; eleven grandchildren, many great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a dear companion, Mr. Donnell Williams.

"Your love was the foundation of our family."

Cemetery Details

Robersonville Memorial Gardens

2418 C.L. Keel Road
Robersonville, NC 27871

Previous Events

Viewing/Visitation

OCT 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Full Gospel Way Of The Cross Church
1112 James Road
Robersonville, NC 27871

Celebration of Life Service

OCT 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program* ”

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - October 20, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ *Marie Norfleet-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward* ”



Marie Norfleet-Williams - October 19, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ *Willie And Mary Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward* ”



Willie and Mary Andrews - October 18, 2025 at 11:42 AM



“ *Trinea Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward* ”



Trinea Jones - October 18, 2025 at 08:51 AM

CS

“ Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward



Cecily Sene - October 17, 2025 at 06:56 PM

JS

“ Joy Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward



Joy Smith - October 17, 2025 at 03:27 PM

AF

“ Antionette Andrews Wheeler & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward



Antionette Andrews Wheeler & Family - October 16, 2025 at 12:14 PM

HJ

My deepest condolences from my family to your family. I am unable to be there physically however, I am there. Mentally I love my family. The foundation of the Shepherd family and extended family has lost a great matriarch. She loved life. She loved her family people all around her loved Shirle Words cannot express how I'm feeling always a friend indeed in the time of need I pray that this be read tomorrow from Hazel Shepherd, Jenkins.

hazel shepherd jenkins - October 17, 2025 at 06:19 PM

KP

“ *Kay Peele lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward*



Kay Peele - October 16, 2025 at 03:10 AM

RC

“ *Rev Dora Cox/ Decwilliam E. Cox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward*



rev dora cox/ decwilliam e. cox - October 16, 2025 at 02:28 AM

PM

“ *Patricia McNeil Modica sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward*



Patricia McNeil Modica - October 15, 2025 at 07:36 PM

AM

“ *Thinking of you. As you and family navigate through this difficult time, we know God is faithful and will comfort the brokenhearted, give peace to the weary mind and the strength to continue to look and move further than right now.*

Ann Monroe - October 14, 2025 at 08:23 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 - October 14, 2025 at 10:25 AM

CS

“ Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward



Cecily Sene - October 13, 2025 at 07:48 PM

YD

“ Yvonne And Marlon Duren lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward



Yvonne and marlon Duren - October 13, 2025 at 01:46 PM

CW

“ Condolences to the family 🙏 family !
Kenneth and Cathy Wallace



Cathy Wallace - October 12, 2025 at 05:27 PM

ET

Rev Joseph Thigpen and Ella pray for comfort to the family. We loved Ms. Shirley. 🙏❤️

Ella Thigpen - October 15, 2025 at 04:20 PM

JS

“ *Joseph & Peggy Slade sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward*



Joseph & Peggy Slade - October 11, 2025 at 09:47 PM

KD

“ *Krystal Downing lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward*



Krystal Downing - October 11, 2025 at 06:01 PM

NA

“ *To The Ward Family
We are saddened to hear about Shirley's passing. She was a beautiful person with a wonderful personality and always had a lovely smile. She will be missed by all. May the memories of Shirley bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time. God bless you!
Nada L Albritton
Lois Ward Atlas*

Nada Albritton - October 11, 2025 at 05:03 PM

DC

“ *Donte Crowell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward*



Donte Crowell - October 10, 2025 at 05:49 PM

ML

“ *Marvin Little lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward*



Marvin Little - October 09, 2025 at 05:22 PM

JB

“ *Judy Bunns lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward*



Judy Bunns - October 09, 2025 at 03:38 PM

DG

“ *Dallas Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward*



Dallas Gardner - October 09, 2025 at 01:04 PM

SD

“ Praying God's peace and comfort for the family of Shirley Ward, we all know she will be missed. Sending my love to you all! ❤️🕊

Shirley Dolberry - October 08, 2025 at 11:33 AM

KP

“ Kay Peele lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward



Kay Peele - October 08, 2025 at 09:57 AM

KD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Krystal D - October 07, 2025 at 11:16 PM

KD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories with Shirley Ward



Krystal Downing - October 07, 2025 at 11:09 PM

BP

“ *Brenda Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward*



Brenda Purvis - October 07, 2025 at 09:02 PM

WM

“ *Wanda McNair lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward*



Wanda McNair - October 07, 2025 at 09:01 PM

PS

“ *Peggy L Slade sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward*



Peggy L Slade - October 07, 2025 at 07:41 PM



“ *Annette James lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward*



Annette James - October 07, 2025 at 07:30 PM

CM

“ Christopher Morning lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward



Christopher Morning - October 07, 2025 at 06:43 PM

CW

“ Condolences to the family 🙏
Kenneth and Cathy Wallace



Cathy Wallace - October 07, 2025 at 05:30 PM

EH

“ May Jesus Christ Continue To Comfort And Strengthen The Family



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - October 07, 2025 at 03:40 PM

JA

“ Judy Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward



judy Andrews - October 07, 2025 at 11:43 AM

CP

“ Christina Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward



Christina Phillips - October 07, 2025 at 10:19 AM

MH

“ Mona Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward



Mona Harris - October 07, 2025 at 07:53 AM

EH

“ Earnest Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward



Earnest Hudson - October 07, 2025 at 07:49 AM

CS

“ Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward



Cecily Sene - October 07, 2025 at 01:17 AM

HD

“ Hazel Brown Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward



Hazel Brown Davis - October 06, 2025 at 07:58 PM

ZB

“ Zachary Bunns lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ward



Zachary Bunns - October 06, 2025 at 07:25 PM

ML

My condolences to family

Mr Bennie Little - October 12, 2025 at 06:05 PM