



Shirley F. Thomas

May 11, 1949 - May 16, 2020

Shirley Faye Mackey-Thomas was the 6th child born to Oza Mackey Sr. and Thelma Lee Patrick-Mackey on May 11, 1949, in Elgin, Tx. The family moved to Austin, Tx, where she attended Blackshear Elementary, L.L. Campbell Jr. High and L.C. Anderson High schools. After high school, she graduated from the Brackenridge School of Nursing and married. While raising 4 children, she worked as a Licensed Vocational Nurse at Brackenridge Hospital as a Pediatric Care Nurse and later went to work for several healthcare organizations and agencies in the Austin area. Always promoting a healthy lifestyle, Shirley was an avid runner, participating in numerous 5K and 10K events and through nursing, she was able to express her natural gift to nurture.

After divorce, she remained single and continued to raise her children as she pursued a career with the United States Postal Service, where she worked as a Rural Mail Carrier. Shirley was a dedicated mother and a hard worker who led by example, strived for excellence, and taught her children to do the same. In the early 1980's, at the age of 32 years old, Shirley rededicated her life to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and was baptized for a second time, the first time being when she was a little girl. She became a faithful servant and served as a member of New Lincoln Missionary Baptist Church. She later moved her membership to Horizon Worship Center, where she received her call to minister the Word of God. Shirley was anointed as she spoke out for the Lord.

Shirley was determined to set an example of Christ for her children and devoted her heart to serving Christ wholeheartedly. As a prayer warrior, she was determined to leave a legacy of believers, from her children, to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A precious soul, Shirley had a loving and giving heart and she was always willing to help someone in need, even if it meant making sacrifices.

On February 14, 2017, she was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, where she fought to maintain her health and strength, but wholeheartedly believed and trusted in the Lord to do His perfect Will in her life. Shirley passed on the morning of May 16th.

Preceded in death by her mother and father Oza Sr. and Thelma Mackey, her sister Vera Mackey-Fletcher and her brother Robert Mackey, Sr., she leaves an abundance of fond memories to be cherished by her 4 children: Willie McGowan, Jr. (Julie McGowan), Nicole Thomas-Mathurin (Dillwyn Mathurin), Kimberlyn Thomas, and Marvin D. Thomas, Sr. (Charse' Kiara-Thomas and son Taytum); two brothers James Mackey (Paulette Mackey, Los Angeles, CA), and Oza Mackey, Jr. (Elgin, TX); two sisters: Raye Marion (Austin, TX) and Billie Williams (Waco, TX).

Also, she leaves to cherish her memory, her grandchildren and great grandchildren who were her pride and joy! Grandsons: Joshua Thomas, Jarron Harris, Marvin D Thomas, Jr., Gershon Thomas and Kaden McGowan. Granddaughters: Serina Thomas, J'nee Melton, Vanecia Thomas, and Jasmine McGowan. Great-grandsons: Jayden Jones, Jett Harris, and William McEwan, Greyson and Gavriel Bowens. Great-granddaughters: Kyza McEwan, and Jackson Harris; and a host of other nieces, nephews, adopted daughters, family, and friends.

Shirley served as the pillar, rock, foundation, and glue of her family and made sacrifices to ensure that her family remained close. As the Matriarch of her family, she is greatly loved and will be terribly missed.

<https://livestream.com/accounts/7325565/shirleythomas>

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

3304 E12th & Airport Blvd
Austin, TX 78721

Previous Events

Celebration Service

MAY **23**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Corinth Baptist Church
1700 East 16th Street
Austin, TX

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley F. Thomas

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



A Life Celebration by Franklin - October 07, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ May God Bless the Mackey-Thomas family.

John Mays - June 12, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ To Nicole, Kim, Dwayne and the grand children of Ms. Shirley. We send our deepest and Sincerest Condolences to you all. I often thought about Sister Shirley through the years. She was a very sweet, Caring and had the most Loving Spiritual Woman, I had the Honor of meeting in 1988. She will be missed. Rest On my beloved Sister. 🌹🌹🌹

Berna Allen - May 25, 2020 at 10:36 PM

DW

“ To the family of Ms Shirley, I'm so sorry to here of your loss. I would help her with curbside voting and last year she walked in to vote and smiled. She will be missed. Nicole I remember our talks about your Mom and always remember you did what you were suppose to do by your mom. God bless you all as she is at peace.

Deborah Brooks Williams - May 24, 2020 at 05:00 PM

BF

“ Sorry to hear of Shirleys passing,she was a good friend of mine at Kealing Jr high,we would always laugh and have fun in our speech class,Mr Lewis,I was short and she was tall we always laugh about that,We lost contact,with each other over the years,however she was a very loyal and sweet person..RIP Shirley

Beverly F.Johnson - May 24, 2020 at 01:28 AM

LH

“ Shirley and I were friends since high school. Always had that beautiful smile. May she rest forever in the arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! My condolences and prayers to the family! 🙏
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Lois Harris-Washington - May 23, 2020 at 07:13 PM

SM

“ Shirlee Medlock lit a candle in memory of Shirley F. Thomas



Shirlee Medlock - May 23, 2020 at 05:29 PM

LH


Always a friend since High School. May you forever rest in the arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! My Condolences and Prayers to the family! 🙏💕😊

Lois Harris-Washington - May 23, 2020 at 07:07 PM

CJ

“ I meet Shirley she was my mail carrier for years she was the best. Well done faithful servant of God. He stamped her RTS request a change address to come home and receive her reward! Where she doesn't have to worry about anything! RIH Ms Shirley Thomas you will be missed!

Carole Jackson - May 23, 2020 at 08:14 AM


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“ You loved to worship and now you are singing with the angels!



Chlovize Washington - May 22, 2020 at 01:10 AM

AB

“ All of my memories of Shirley are good and a lot of them are funny. My friend, Ms. Shirley was a very sweet lady who never looked back after joining the Christian band.

Ada Blackwell - May 21, 2020 at 10:21 PM

AC

“ *Apostle B.W. Hines and Horizon Worship Center purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Shirley F. Thomas.*



Apostle B.W. Hines and Horizon Worship Center - May 21, 2020 at 12:31 PM

TH

“ *Tometra Hargrove lit a candle in memory of Shirley F. Thomas*



Tometra Hargrove - May 21, 2020 at 12:17 PM

CJ

“ *Carole Jackson lit a candle in memory of Shirley F. Thomas*



Carole Jackson - May 20, 2020 at 09:54 PM

CJ

I meet Shirley she was my carrier for a few years . I never had to worrying about the mail and we had a great relationship I hadn't seen her in a few years but whenever I would it would be good. I just know now that God stamped her mail RTS. Which is return to sender she gone home to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May Shirley RIH.

Carole Jackson - May 20, 2020 at 10:03 PM

TF

“ *Tracy Manning and Family purchased the Arrive i
n Style for the family of Shirley F. Thomas.*



Tracy Manning and Family - May 19, 2020 at 10:49 PM