



Ms. M. Cunningham-Enemuoh

November 30, 1955 - January 3, 2012

CUNNINGHAM-ENEMUOH, Ms. Shirley M. "Diva" - Age 56, passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at her residence in Lansing, MI. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 14, 2012 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11 a.m. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Ms. Enemuoh will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 12Noon-8 p.m. Friday, January 13, 2012.

Ms. Shirley Marie Cunningham-Enemuoh was born on November 30, 1955 in Gurdon, Arkansas; she was the youngest daughter of Johnnie and Maude Ethel (Green) Cunningham. Shirley moved to Flint, Michigan in September of 1968. Shirley attended the Flint Community Schools and graduated from Flint Northwestern High School in 1973. Moving back to Arkansas, Shirley became a Police Officer for Pulaski County in Little Rock, AR. In 1984, Shirley returned to Flint and joined House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church. Shirley was employed by Pinkerton Security Services at AC Delphi and New Paths, Inc. Shirley was a two time breast cancer survivor, and lived with Sarcoidosis for over 20 years. Shirley did not allow these life changing illnesses to stand in the way of her getting her education. Shirley moved to Lansing, MI in 2001 and received her Bachelor of Arts degrees in both Criminal Justice and Psychology from Michigan State University. She went on and received her

Master's in Clinical Social Work from M.S.U. Shirley was a member of the National Association of Social Workers. Taking heed of what her mother instilled in her regarding education, Shirley was working on earning her PhD in Human Services at Walden University, with specializations in Family Studies and Intervention Strategies. She was enrolled in her seventh quarter in the program and her research interests focused on delivery systems for the disabled (eliminating discriminatory practices) as well as intervention strategies for Male Pedophiles. She joined Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Lansing, MI. Shirley enjoyed cooking, interacting on Facebook, writing, listening to music and speaking highly of her daughter and granddog.

Ms. Shirley Marie Cunningham-Enemuoh leaves to cherish her memories: 1 daughter, Mikkole Enemuoh; 1 granddog, Diva Enemuoh both of Burton, MI; 2 sisters, Emma Jean Payne of Davison, MI and Lois Cunningham of Mt. Morris, Mi; 3 brothers, Harry Cunningham of Flint, Johnny and Anthony Cunningham, both of Arkansas; 2 aunts, Hazel Langford of Pine Bluff, AR and Laura Bell Green of Gurdon, AR; 10 nieces; 10 nephews; a host of other relatives, cousins, friends; special cousin, Florene Blake Murphy of Dallas, TX; special friends, Dana (Keith) Simmons, Annette Davis, Marilyn Taylor, Nancy Bond and Takeesha Polite.

Ms. Cunningham-Enemuoh was preceded in death by her parents, Johnnie and Maude Ethel Cunningham; 2 nieces, 1 nephew and 1 brother-in-law.

The family would like to express special thanks to the staff of New Paths, Inc., Takeesha Polite, Debera Reeves and cousin, Florene Blake Murphy.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ms. M. Cunningham-Enemuoh*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ms. M. Cunningham-Enemuoh*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I received the news and was saddened. We had just become reacquainted December 14 and I was so looking forward to your call after you were settled with your daughter for the holidays. Was that you I spoke to January 2 right before overtime of the MSU GAME? I will never know. God called you first! You were a friend and an inspiration a lesson in grace joy, faith and long suffering. You will be missed. I still can't get over your great memory of events back to 6th grade. Even then we had the same interest in fine foods! God Bless.*

Wanda

Wanda Harden - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Aunt Shirley I love you and will miss you dearly. I will always remember our phone conversations when I lived in Ark. Thanks for been there for me.

Natasha Leeper - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ No words I could ever say, no actions or deeds I could ever do that could show you how sorry I am for your loss. "Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning." May God guide each of you in this darkness and lead you into the light. We will all miss her physical presence, and her exuberance for life, but we will take her spirit with us for the rest of our days. Have consolation in knowing that there are friends who care. Praying for the entire family.... May God cover you with his grace, and may you find strength and peace to carry you through this difficult time. Flint Northwestern Class of 73!!

Valerie Williams - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ We were saddened to hear of the lost of your sister. May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face. The rain fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen. With Love, Charles and Linda Woods.

Elder Charles Woods - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ Shirley's classmates hearts are heavy due to her death. I got the opportunity to meet Shirley in our first residency together in Atlanta, Georgia. Shirley was in my cohort and she was encouraging to all of us. Shirley believed in affecting positive social change. We miss having discussions with her in class. As we continue on this journey, we will never forget Shirley and the inspiration that she gave to us all. To her daughter, family, and friends her Walden classmates send our love and prayers during your difficult time. God Bless!

Vanessa Lane and classmates at Walden

Vanessa Lane - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Prayers for you and your family at this difficult time. May God send you all the comfort each of you need. Please be kind to each other and talk about the happy/funny times you had with her.

Cindy Simons - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ I'm so very sorry about your lost

perri - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *With Deepest Sympathy!*

*Wishing you strength for Today
and comfort in the days ahead,
Knowing how much your loved one
meant to so many.*

Bernicteen Lagrone Wingfield - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To Mikkole and Cunningham relatives Sorry for your loss .I pray for your Strength , peace of mine and lots of love . God is still the greatest . Ask him and he will give you the strength to make it through this heart broken situation . I pray that my sister Florene is is a help to you all .May God have Mercy and give you Grace .
Love you all ,
Julia Blake ,McGrew

Julia Blake , McGrew - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ It is with deep sorrow to hear of the passing of Shirley we loved her but god loved her best.The Wright family stands with the family in prayer.signed LUTHER,MOZELLA,EMMA,OPAL,CARRIE,and WANDA.

LUTHER WRIGHT - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *A Tribute to a Special Aunt:
Our lives are touched by many
people, but only a few leave
footprints in our hearts which
last forever. Some people come
into our lives and quickly go.
Some stay for a while and leave
footprints on our hearts and we
are never the same.
This was Aunt Shirley's encourage-
ment in life: Help me be the
smile on someone's face, not the
frown--Help me be the one who
picks them up, not puts them down.
Help me be the light not the one
who turns them out. Help me
instill confidence not misery
and doubt--When day is done let
there be one who holds a memory
of love and joy to know that they
were helped by God and me.*

Rashaan Cunningham - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *To the Family:
In memory of
Aunt Shirley,
Count time by lovely memories,
Not by days and years--
Count it by the friendships
You've made along the way--
And by the many times that God
has smiled upon your day.*

Psalm 121

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the
hills from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord, which
made heaven and earth.*

JaQuala & JaQualon Cunningham - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ *Prayers are with the entire family
at this time. Shirley was a lovable
person and will be greatly missed by
all who knew her.
Blessed be the peacemakers for they
shall be called the children of God.
The Lord says, "I will rescue those who
love me, I will protect those who trust
in my name." Psalm 91*

Helen Cunningham - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Shirley was an inspiration to me when I was assigned to go through radiation a few years ago. She was very supportive with encouragement and words of wisdom. May the family know that she was a true lady.

Wilma Brooks - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I had the pleasure of having Shirley in a graduate social work practice class. She was a wonderful student and a caring social worker. She will be missed.

Jo Ann McFall, - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of need

Constance - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We are truly sorry to hear of your loss. Our condolences go out to you and your family. Often during difficult times people turn to the bible. Two scriptures that come to mind are Revelations 21:3,4 and Acts 24:15. I hope that these verses are comforting to you.

R. and K. Muex - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Shirley will be missed by me as we shared some good times working New Paths together. She was not only a good friend but a great co-worker , mom,sister aunt to all who knew her and loved her. God has has her in his hands now. She is at peace. I will continue to keep you and your family in my parayers.

Sallie Galloway - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ To Shirley's daughter, Imogene, Johnny, Harry, and Anthony. We the descendants of Cleo Cunningham, would like to express our deepest sympathy in the passing of your mother. She and I have been corresponding for a few years. I had been trying to reach her since the New Year came in. She had been heavy on my mind. Now I understand why. Just know that we all feel your sadness. We all loved Shirley and know that she is busy smiling down at you and us. She is with her parents in heaven. May God forever Bless and keep each of you. Love also from Mozelle, Luther, Emma Carrie, and Opal Wright family also.

Mikkole, I've never met you but your Mom talked about you all the time. Remember to "keep looking to the hills from whence cometh your help"

Linda Clayborn - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ My Prayer and Condolence is with this Family.

Mary Ann Griggs - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *To the family of Shirley*

My prayers are with you at this time. continue to put your trust in God . He is with you and will give you comfort.

God Bless

Betty Cunningham - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *I was so surprised to learn of Shirley's passing - she left way too soon. We hadn't talked in a few years but I thought of her just the other day. We have had many long phone conversations over the years and shared many laughs together. Mikki was just a little girl when I met Shirley - my mom made her a Barbie birthday cake. Mikki, your mother was so very proud of you! The last time I talked to Shirley, she told me all about the lovely young woman you've become. Each phone conversation ended with Shirley saying, "Well, I'm gonna get off here and..." Today, I can imagine her saying, "Well, I'm gonna get off here and go be with Jesus."*

Tamra (Sahaydak) Wilson - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

OM

“ *Knowing Shirley was like knowing Jesus Christ You always had kind words for anyone in need. You always had a smile and positive attitude about lifes ups and downs. We love you.*

Odell Grigsby & Miz Mary - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Thank you for your kind words, support, encouragement, advice, counsel and all the love you gave. forever and always in our hearts

Randy - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ No greater Love than a man lay down his life for a friend...You were friend to many, encouraging and helping...Now its time for you to rest in the loving arms of our dear Savior Jesus Christ.

Until we all meet On that Great Getting Up Morning.

From Mabel, another Gurdonian

Mabel Lyons-Gardner - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Ms. Shirley "Diva" Enemuoh, I never got to meet you in person. We met through your daughter, Mikkole on Facebook. I wish we had the chance to meet in person. I felt like I knew you for a long time. You were always so encouraging and I always enjoyed your comments you left on my pictures. Even though you left us too soon, God always has a purpose for why he does things. I know you are so beautiful with your golden Diva-fied Wings. Til we meet again in heaven. Love you!! Love ya Mikkole!!

Alana Luten - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ A true gem to know and an all out beautiful person and spirit. The world is a little better because she was here. I cherish our chats on facebook, they were always positive. I was touched and saddened by the news. It hit me hard. What an impact to have on a person that never met you face to face, Ms. Shirley...rest in heavenly peace!

Anetress Malone - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ To Mikkole and family. My heart truly goes out to you and your family. You are in my prayers. She was a wonderful person. And God has called home another one of his angels. May God strengthen and comfort you during this time.

Dawana Myrick - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I never got a chance to meet to meet MS. Shirley but I have heard nothing but wonderful things about her. Its funny how you cant know a person but you can see all that they are in there children Mikkole always talked about how strong, supportive, nice, loving, driven and nuturing her mom is and despite watever she was going through physically or emotionally with her health she always was there for her for love an support and continued to strive in her educational pursuits. All i can say is Mikkole your mom is truly an inspiration your so blessed to have a precious gem like her. She raised you into a fine young woman. Now she is at peace with our LORD.

krista smith - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *Mikole, My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this hour of bereavement. Look to the hills from whence cometh your helpm your help cometh from the Lord.*

Theresa Jackson - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *I had the privilege of meeting Shirley on the first day of our first class in the MSW program at MSU, and we became friends ever since. She often called me her "daughter from another mother." She was always there for support, guidance, and advice, and I will never forget our meaningful conversations. I enjoyed our frequent visits whether at school or her home once we graduated. She was a very wise woman and I truly admired her determination, straight-forwardness, and loving kindness. I will always keep Shirley close in my heart and keep in mind her positive teachings for my practice in Social Work.*

Renee Buttbaker - January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM