



Sharon (Gayden) Holmes

April 16, 1949 - May 6, 2012

HOLMES, Ms. Sharon M. (Gayden) - Age 63, passed away Sunday, May 6, 2012 at Avalon Hospice. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 11, 2012 at Greater Holy Temple C.O.G.I.C., 6702 N. Dort Hwy., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Bishop Roger L. Jones, Sr., officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 a.m. Friday. Ms. Holmes will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 2-8 p.m. with family present from 4-8 p.m. Thursday. Ms. Sharon Marie (Gayden) Holmes was born on April 16, 1949 in Flint, Michigan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew "Buster" and Dessie M. (Tyms) Gayden, Sr. She professed a hope in Christ at an early age at Greater Holy Temple Church of God In Christ where she was a member. Sharon was educated in the Flint Community Public Schools and graduated from Flint Northwestern High School, "Class of 1967." She retired from Delphi, then a division of General Motors, with over 42 years of dedicated service. Since retirement she enjoyed spending quality time with her grandchildren including being the sideline cheerleader, in most cases the sideline referee and coach for her granddaughter, Day'na and grandson, Jalen sporting events and her special Saturdays with her sisters, Yvonne, Bethany and Trishe. Sharon was a former member of the Order of Eastern Star Cate Jasmine Chapter of Rose of Sharon and she participated weekly with the BSF International Bible study and enjoyed cooking her delicious Strawberry cakes. Sharon leaves in God's

care her loving and devoted children, Dana D. (Raisa) Holmes of Flint, MI, Monica L. Holmes (Gene Bell) of Grand Blanc, MI; special son, Jeffery D. Holmes of Houston, TX; 2 granddaughters, Ebony and Day'na Holmes; 2 grandsons, Jalen S. Miller and Dana D. Holmes, Jr.; 2 sisters, Yvonne (John) Royster of Detroit, MI, Patricia A. Mayfield of Grand Blanc, MI; 2 brothers, Andrew (Nina) Gayden, Jr. of Flushing, MI, Elder Alvin L. Gayden of Flint; aunt, Willa Mae Wheat of Flint; nieces including special nieces, Evangelist Deirdre G. Pitts of Flint Township, MI, Evangelist Yvette M. Martin of Grand Blanc, MI, DeAndria "Dee" Gayden of Arlington, TX, Erika L. Pitts of Indianapolis, IN, Angela (Lon) Pitts-Williams of Davison, MI and Kendrath Holmes of Atlanta, GA; nephews, Lonnie D. (Lavetta) Mayfield of Castic, CA, Stephen Mayfield of Grand Blanc, MI, Kevin L. Mayfield of Clinton Township, MI, Anthony (Richella) Gayden of Santa Barbara, CA, Zachary Gayden-Holley of Snellville, GA, Brandon Holmes of Flint, MI, Marcus A. Holmes of Atlanta, GA; a host of great-nieces including, Tiffany L. Martin and Gabrielle P. Pitts; great-nephews including, Jamille A. Phillips, Jr. and Kameron D. Pitts; a host of cousins including our Pontiac, Michigan family, other relatives, special friends, Lawrence Cooley, Brenda Fluker, Marilyn "Jean" Kennedy, Corrine Sturghill, Harold Merriweather and the father of her children, Elder Hickman (Gwendolyn) Holmes of Flushing, MI. Ms. Holmes was preceded in death by her grandson, Sharod D. Holmes; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew "Buster" and Dessie Gayden, Sr.; sister, Bethany J. Gayden. The family wishes to express a very special thanks to Bishop and Sis. Roger L. (Sandra) Jones, Sr. and the Greater Holy Temple Church of God In Christ family, Pastor Frederick L. and Sis. Donna Flowers, Sr. and the Promise Tabernacle Church family.

Tribute Wall



“ Sharon (Gayden) Holmes

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ I will always remember our last conversation. We talked about everything but most important, we spoke about God and knowing Him. Thank you for caring for me when I stayed the night at your house. I just want you to know that you made a lasting impact on my life. Your actions always showed us that you cared for us all even when we left a mess in the kitchen or bathroom. I can hear you saying "you little girls have it twisted, I'm not your maid and I'm not doing anything else because you girls don't appreciate it". But then someone would say, "I want pizza" and you would laughingly say "go ahead and order". You were at all of our sporting events rooting us on from the stands. I can guarantee you if we knew that this battle was coming to an end, we would have ran to be by your side but a lesson well learned, never put off for tomorrow, what you can do today. Mama Sharon, you are definitely in a better place and the pain has ceased and you are resting with God. I know that you had to go, so bye for now and don't worry about Monica, I will make certain that she continues on this journey. The last gift that you gave me will hang in my office forever.
Hugs, Kisses and Enjoy Heaven! Pam

Pamela J. Powell & Family - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Even though we did not know your loved one personally, 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 - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ To Dana and the family. You all have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your love one. Take comfort in knowing that your mother has made her transition to a better place where there are many mansions. She's gone to be with my God in heaven. Know that she is no longer hurting, but rejoicing with my father. Her work here on earth has been completed. She will always remain in your hearts. cherish and hold on to the memories that you all once shared with her and let that be a joyous light for you when you feel sad. With deepest sympathy from my family to yours. Sandra Brown Copeland and family.

Sandra Brown Copeland - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Dearest Alvin;
On behalf of my family, please accept our heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your beloved sister. If you need me, I'm just a phone call and a email away..

Lady Donna J. Riggs - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

IF

“ Another one of God's Angels have been called from labor to eternal rest. Sharon and I went to school together and she was always that friend who made everyone feel special. Family treasure the memories you had with mother. We all knew Sharon was a gift from God. Take pride in knowing that she knew the Lord, for we will all see Sharon again one day if we keep our hand in God's hand.

Be Blessed

Johnny and Irene Fouse

Irene and Johnny Fouse - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ Dana, Alvin and Family we are all comforted in the knowledge that she lives in the hearts and minds of everyone. I pray that God comforts you and the family during this time of transition. May your family derive some measure of comfort in knowing that we share in your grief, and solace in the inspiring memories of the exemplary life of Sharon.

I had the awesome privilege of working for and with Sharon. She was serious and fair with all of her employees. But also humorous and funny at work but when someone made her laugh, oh boy. Remember all the joyous memories and her awesome smile and her words of wisdom. Rest In Heaven Sharon, We loved you, but God Loved You Best.

Valerie Williams - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are all believers most miseral.1 Corinthians 15:19*

Paul Canada - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *The world has its seasons of sadness, its partings and tearful good-byes, but someday there'll be only gladness when the Lord wipes all tears from our eyes, as only He can. We will celebrate when we all meet again in our heavenly home. Sis Sharon will welcome us home and say, "I've been waiting for you". Our prayers are that God will give you strength, peace, and comfort to the entire family... TO GOD BE THE GLORY. Sis. Sandra Epps, Director, CWP.*

Sandra Epps - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *We can be assured of God's love, and He's too wise to make a mistake. When words become too difficult, all we can do is Pray. " YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE " The Lord will give you strength, peace, and comfort that passes all understanding. Elder Gayden, We express our Heartfelt Sympathy to you and your entire family. We mourn with you. We will stand with you. Your Family Members /New Jerusalem FGBC, Elder Patrick W. Sanders, Sr. Pastor*

Mother Margaret Montgomery - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *May God Bless Sharon and all those who loved her, with comfort and peace.*

I enjoyed working with Sharon for many years. She was smart, kind, outgoing and had a fun sense of humor. We were on the Plant 8/43 activities committee together. Planning fun things that brought out the best in people. Family Picnics, Donkey Basketball Games, Halloween Costume Contests, Christmas Parties, Departmental Decorating Contests for Halloween & Christmas.

Even though Sharon was salaried, and I was hourly, she always treated me as a friend who truly cared. She treated people fairly and with kindness. She was an excellent facilitator. Even though I have not seen Sharon in many years, I am saddened by her passing. But happy she is now with God in heaven.

My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends who will miss her.

Sincerely; Dee Porter

Dee Porter - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *May there be comfort in knowing friends are there and share in your sorrow at this difficult time. " And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying... Revelation 21:4*

Jerome Richardson - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *i love you sharon you were very dear to me*

carla jackson - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ There is a song that states don't cry for me but, they couldn't have known the many lives that my play sis touched. Sharon and I played together as small childred as we grew it just as fun to see each other as in our playground days. I pray that GOD will continue to abide with each of you in the passing of Sharon. I thank God for letting us see her as mother, sister and friend much more. Luv you Patrica

DIANE ROBISON - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ The Files family offers condolences and prayers to the Gayden family

Elder Theodore files - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EV

“ To Monica, Dana, and the entire famiy. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sharon's favorite bible verse was "Psalm 23". Know that the Lord is our shepherd. Sharon will truly be missed my me.

Elaine Vaughn

Elaine Vaughn - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ Aunt Sharon.....you will be deeply missed. I am so grateful that I got to spend time with you before you were called home. My payers to all the family members. God has another Angel Luv always your niece

Erika Pitts - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ WE ARE PRAYING FOR THE ENTIRER FAMILY, KNOW THAT GOD WILL SEE YOU THROUGH. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU ALL AND KNOW THAT GOD MAKES NO MISTAKES. GOD BLESS MOTHER NELLIE COOPER, PASTOR TIM, KATRINA COOPER.

KATRINA COOPER - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ To the family and loved ones of Sharon, I have not seen Sharon since I graduated from Northwestern in 1966. The only reason I remembered her was her smile. She was a very sweet young lady and always had that peaceful smile. She is only gone home to the Father and I am sure He welcomed her with open arms if she had that sweet personality and smile. May you all have comfort in knowing that she touched those that she knew and those she may not have known, if only with a kind word or her smile.

Peace be with you all.

LaVerne Arther - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM