



Mrs. Shirley Collins

November 26, 1934 - February 17, 2025

COLLINS, Mrs. Shirley - Age 90, passed away Monday, February 17, 2025, at Tranquility House in Flint. Family hour 10:00 AM Friday, February 28, 2025, at Vernon Chapel A.M.E. Church, 5802 Dupont St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Douglas Banks, Host Pastor, Rev. Helen Williams, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Friday, February 28, 2025. Mrs. Collins will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed Thursday, February 27, 2025, from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM, with family present to receive friends from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM. Shirley Mildred Collins, age 90, was called to rest on Monday, February 17, 2025. Born on November 26, 1934, in Flint, Michigan, Shirley was one of seven children born from the union of her parents, Charlie Brady and Fredricka (Freddie) Cook. Shirley was a lifelong member of Vernon Chapel AME Church, where her grandfather, William Frank Cook, Mother, and Aunt, Lara (Cook) Brady, were founders and charter members of the church.

Shirley attended Flint Community Schools (Fairview Elementary, Lowell Jr High School) and graduated at 16 years old from Flint Northern High School Class of 1951. Soon after, she attended and graduated with an Associate in Liberal Arts from Flint Junior College in 1953. She continued her education by joining her brother, Alphonso (School of LSA Alumni 1955), at the University of Michigan to attend the School of Nursing, where she earned her Bachelor

of Science in Nursing in 1957. Her nursing career began at Hurley Hospital, followed by a role as a school nurse with Flint Community Schools for the City of Flint Health Department.

In August 1961, Shirley married Bunice K. Collins at Vernon Chapel AME Church. They welcomed two children, Charles and Bethany, before returning to the University of Michigan to attend graduate school to earn her Master of Public Health at the suggestion of her cousin Myrtle Fryer (MPH University of Michigan Alumni 1956). She graduated in 1966 and continued her work with the City of Flint Health Department until she left in 1979 as a Public Health Nurse Supervisor.

Shirley returned to Hurley Medical Center later that year until her retirement as the Director of Ambulatory Care Clinics in 1996. During her tenure at Hurley, she became an entrepreneur like her mother and started Collins Home Nursing Service (CHNS) in 1985; as the Executive Director of CHNS, she provided skilled nursing care and other health services to patients after being released from the hospital and operating for 15 years. Never one to stay idle, she later was the Director of the Flint Family Road program until her final retirement in 2001.

Shirley cherished her family and considered her wonderful parents and her children her proudest accomplishments. She loved attending University of Michigan homecoming football games and was an avid tennis player. Shirley enjoyed traveling the world with her family, exploring the Caribbean, Africa, Europe, and the Americas. An active member of her community, she enjoyed dining at Applewood Café and was a charter member of the Flint Snowbirds Ski Club; as an avid skier, she attended her first trip to the National Brotherhood Snowsports (NBS) Ski Summit in 1993 in Vail, Colorado. She was also a member of Zonta I of Flint, the Flint Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, the American Public Health Association, the St. John Street Memorial Society, and the University of Michigan Alumni Association.

Shirley Collins is survived by: her son, Charles (Sheri) Collins, and daughter, Bethany; brother, Delano (Sandy) Brady; nieces and nephews, Diane Miles,

Duane Brady, Jeremy (Therese) Brady, Mary Guy-Brady, Shawn Coffey, and Fawn (Bobby) Ukpolo Champagne; cousins, Lara Nkume, Bernadine Grier, William Cook, Maurice (Jackie) Fielder, Diane James; a host of other relatives,,: Amanda (Vonte) Riley, Alexandra Brady, Vernice Brady, Morris Vernon Brady III, Derron Brady, Antwane Holbrook, Jarmar Miles, Jaron Miles, Sara (Mads) Haubro, Oyan Battaglia, Marvin Martinuzzi, Natalie Brady, Ako Nkume, Adama Nkume, Aham (Scarlette) Nkume, and Tamikia Willams Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; father of her children, Bunice K. Collins; siblings, twins, Lester and Chester; sister, Blondel; brothers, Morris Vernon Brady (Margie), Alphonso (Natividad) Brady; cousins, Bernice Brady, Mable Grier, Della Fielder, and Lawerance Williams; uncles and aunts, Thomas and Lara Brady, George M. Cook, Woodward (Lula) Cook, and Bertha Brady; and nephews, Morris Vernon Brady Jr., Ken Brady.

The family would like ot express special thanks to: Tranquility House of Flint, MI, DeShawna Billington – CNA, Melissa – CNA at Zari’s Loving Touch, Dr. Towfig and Staff, Hurley Medical Center Retiaries, Cook Missionary Society at Vernon Chapel AME Church.

Previous Events

Family Present

FEB **27**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
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Family hour

FEB **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Vernon Chapel AME Church
5802 Dupont St.
Flint, MI

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Charlie and Bethany*
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Mrs. Collins. I know that my mother, Gwendolyn Turner, cherished their lifelong friendship and her mentorship throughout her career. On behalf of the Turner family, I offer our deepest condolences and appreciation for her presence in our lives.

Jean-Vierre Turner Adams

Jean-Vierre Adams - March 21, 2025 at 02:33 PM

LW

“ *Lyz Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins*



Lyz Wilkins - March 09, 2025 at 11:45 PM

LG

“ *Linda Gulley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins*



Linda Gulley - February 28, 2025 at 04:29 PM

TF

“ Mother Shirley, I know you were a well grounded woman of God! Your Children in the togetherness, and humbling spirits, honored you highly. Your beloved son, spoke extremely well..enlightening each of us emensely, with his wonderful story. Every word said, was connected to the Word of God! Bravo, Brother Collins and job well done 🙌🙌
🙌🙌🙌 my eyes were filled by his compassion to tell the truth, as his mother had instructed. Mother Shirley, good a faith servant, rest well in paradise, wearing your crown of victory! Your final word for your loved one's and all, repent and get grounded and rooted in God's way. Peroid!



Teresa Anthony-Johnson & Family - February 28, 2025 at 01:32 PM

JM

“ Jimmye L Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins



Jimmye L Maxwell - February 28, 2025 at 12:58 PM

DB

“ While working at Hurley Medical Center, I had the pleasure of interacting with Mrs. Collins. Her courteous nature and warm demeanor made her a delight to work with. I extend my heartfelt condolences to her loved ones. 🙏🙏🙏

Dr. Brenda Brown - February 28, 2025 at 08:44 AM

DT

“ Shirley Collins was one of a kind. She was a dear, sweet, intelligent woman, a longtime friend of my mother Claudia Louise Tarver and my sister Elizabeth Bernice Tarver Davis. My heart would light up every time she came around because her presence was so uplifting. I'll always treasure the times my mother, Shirley and I would meet for lunch at Mott College or the Masonic Temple. Bethany and Charles, you have my deep and sincere condolences. You have become family, and we are here to love and support you now and in the future.

David Tarver - February 28, 2025 at 07:49 AM

VI

“ To Bethany, Charles and the Collins Family, our hearts are saddened as we keep you in prayer on the passing of our loved one, Ms. Shirley was a great Boss, Mother, Grandma to my Children, Travesha and Davis, who loved her so much, may God continue to be with you during this time and thank you so much for bringing her into our lives 🙏 Vickie Ouedraogo and Family

Vickie - February 28, 2025 at 06:50 AM

KM

“ Kenya Johnson McHenry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins



Kenya Johnson McHenry - February 28, 2025 at 06:47 AM

DP

“ *Condolence to the family of Miss Shirley Collins*



Dorothy Parrish - February 27, 2025 at 09:58 PM

SC

“ *The St. John Street Historical Committee sends our deepest heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Shirley Brady Collins. Shirley was a product of the area going on to be in the Nursing Field. Her Mother was an owner of a business in the area(Freddie’s Beauty Salon on St. John Street) and her family were also one of the founding families of Vernon Chapel A.M.E. Church which is still in existence. Shirley we are proud of you and will miss all the information you shared. Rest In Peace.*



St. John Street Historical Committee - February 27, 2025 at 08:06 PM

JW

“ *May God keep you and comfort you during this time. I will always have fond memories of my time working with Shirley. She truly expressed her love for people through her tireless efforts to help others. The love she showed others and the works she did speaks for her!*
Juanita Wells

Juanita Wells - February 27, 2025 at 05:41 PM

MC

“ Marsha Carr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Shirley Collins.

Marsha Carr - February 27, 2025 at 02:23 PM

MC

“ Marsha Carr purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Shirley Collins.



Marsha Carr - February 27, 2025 at 02:23 PM

VS

“ Vera Styles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins



Vera Styles - February 27, 2025 at 12:27 PM

SD

“ Sherry Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins



Sherry Dixon - February 27, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ Valerie Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins



Valerie Marshall - February 27, 2025 at 07:41 AM



“ Jerri Winfrey-Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins



Jerri Winfrey-Carter - February 27, 2025 at 12:04 AM



“ Sidney Bradford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins



Sidney Bradford - February 26, 2025 at 10:25 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Beth & Charles. Your mom was the absolute sweetest! Cherish the memories that you have they will help to comfort you in the days ahead. 🙏❤️👍



Arnenia Peoples-Odum - February 26, 2025 at 08:18 PM

EP

“ With our Heartfelt Sympathy and Condolences.
Earnest & Nancy Pouncy



EARNEST/NANCY POUNCY - February 26, 2025 at 12:40 PM

FG

“ Charlie and Bethany you have my deepest heartfelt sympathy and condolences in the passing of you beautiful Mom. Shirley was a dear friend and always one who gave good advice on many subjects. I will miss that beautiful smile and deep chuckle of hers. You both did a fantastic job in caring for your Mom and will be blessed for a job well done. I pray God will comfort you and give you peace. Rest well Shirley you deserve it. Love you, Freddie.



Fredricka “Ricky/Freddie” Gist - February 25, 2025 at 09:07 PM

SB

Bethany and family please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of your mother. May the peace of the Lord comfort you at this time.

Sidney Bradford - February 26, 2025 at 10:24 PM

CP

“ COREY PIERCE lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins



COREY PIERCE - February 25, 2025 at 08:21 PM

BB

“ *Belinda D Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins*



Belinda D Brown - February 25, 2025 at 06:10 PM

SJ

“ *Shirley Collins was a trailblazer in the field of nursing. Shirley gave me my first job as a Certified Nursing Assistant, Collins Home Nursing Services was her business and i am forever grateful for the opportunity while pursuing my career to become a Registered Nurse like her. She always had a smile and she spoke her truth, I loved the relationship she had with her children (my longtime friend) Charlie B. and his sister Bethany. Yall took great care of your mom and we know to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. We love ya much Sonya & Bernard Jackson Sr*



Sonya & Mr Jackson - February 25, 2025 at 12:52 PM

BR

“ *Branden, Judy, Romeo, Lindsey and Ryan purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Shirley Collins.*



Branden, Judy, Romeo, Lindsey and Ryan - February 25, 2025 at 12:11 PM

BR

“ *Branden, Judy, Romeo, Lindsey and Ryan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Shirley Collins.*

Branden, Judy, Romeo, Lindsey and Ryan - February 25, 2025 at 12:11 PM

GJ

“ *Gloria Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Collins*



Gloria Jackson - February 25, 2025 at 10:48 AM

MM

“ *Martita Moffett-Page lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins*



Martita Moffett-Page - February 25, 2025 at 05:55 AM

MH

“ *Mary Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins*



Mary Hughes - February 24, 2025 at 10:34 PM

PJ

“ *Pauline Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins*



Pauline Jones - February 24, 2025 at 09:44 PM

GS

“ *Gloria Scruggs sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins*



Gloria Scruggs - February 24, 2025 at 06:47 PM

BS

“ *BARBARA SCRUGGS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins*



BARBARA SCRUGGS - February 24, 2025 at 06:46 PM

JL

“ *My sincere prayers and condolences to Bethany and family in the transitioning of Ms. Shirley. May God grant you peace and comfort.*



Jacqueline Land - February 24, 2025 at 03:28 PM

DL

“ *Debroah Lee-Metcalfe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins*



Debroah Lee-Metcalfe - February 24, 2025 at 01:08 PM

MB

“ *Mary Guy Brady lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins*



Mary guy brady - February 24, 2025 at 12:45 PM

ET

“ *Ernelle Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins*



Ernelle Taylor - February 24, 2025 at 09:07 AM

HD

“ *Helen Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins*



Helen Davis - February 23, 2025 at 07:45 PM

DS

“ Deadrea Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins



Deadrea Smith - February 23, 2025 at 07:31 PM

JS

“ Javaris Burks Sr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins



Javaris Burks Sr - February 23, 2025 at 06:20 PM

MP

“ Michele Kirksey Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins



Michele Kirksey Parker - February 23, 2025 at 05:21 PM

JJ

“ Jovita Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins



Jovita Johnson - February 23, 2025 at 05:02 PM

PW

“ Pam Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins



Pam Williams - February 23, 2025 at 04:13 PM

NB

“ Nellie Bacon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins



Nellie Bacon - February 23, 2025 at 01:26 PM

TS

“ Tranquility House AFC staff purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Shirley Collins.



Tranquility House AFC staff - February 23, 2025 at 12:43 PM

VN

“ Veronica Nickens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins



Veronica Nickens - February 23, 2025 at 12:17 PM

VM

“ Virginia McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins



Virginia McDaniel - February 23, 2025 at 10:24 AM

MW

“ my prayers and condolences to the family of Ms Shirley Collins, she was a truly special person and great nurse manager to work for always willing to help when needed and caring for patients and people. Ms Shirley was non judgmental and loved the work she did. I enjoyed working for her and remember her affectionately as a great person. You don't find the kind of people she was now days. You are resting in the arms of Jesus now and will be surely missed. RIP DEAR LADY



Marlene Williams - February 23, 2025 at 12:22 AM

SC

“ Stephanie Clark lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collins



Stephanie Clark - February 22, 2025 at 04:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Collins.*



February 22, 2025 at 04:14 PM



“ *The Stuarts lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collins*



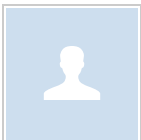
The Stuarts - February 22, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ *Charles, Sheri, and Bethany ... Our prayers are with you and the entire Collins family during this time of loss. We know your Mother was a wonderful lady and will be missed by many. The Fishers*



Terry Fisher - February 22, 2025 at 09:33 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Shirley Collins.*

February 22, 2025 at 09:30 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Collins.*



February 22, 2025 at 09:30 AM



“ *Charles, Sheri, and Bethany ... Our prayers are with you and the entire Collins family during this time of loss. We know your Mother was a wonderful lady and will be missed by many. The Fishers*



Terry Fisher - February 22, 2025 at 09:06 AM



“ *To Bethany, Charlie and "entire" Collins/Brady family: Please know you have our heartfelt prayers and sympathy on the passing of your precious mother, loved one and one of Vernon Chapel AME Church's anchors. I did NOT know or heard of the direness of Sis. Shirley's condition and was therefore shocked to find her on-this -list! When you saw her at Vernon, you felt that tie to our Founders. As well, in her capacity as a Nurse Administrator, over thirty years ago, she gave me wise-counsel, which I appreciate to this day! She will be sorely missed! Children, take comfort in knowing her battle is over and the victory is won!!! May "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.".- Philippians 4:7 Charles & Willene Sumpter, Vernon Chapel AME Church-Flint*



Willene Sumpter - February 22, 2025 at 09:00 AM

CH

“ *Cleveland Harrington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins*



Cleveland Harrington - February 21, 2025 at 01:37 PM

VS

“ *Vera Styles lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collins*



Vera Styles - February 21, 2025 at 12:45 PM

DO

“ *Deloris Odom lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collins*



Deloris Odom - February 21, 2025 at 11:18 AM

MW

“ *Maggie Williams lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collins*



Maggie Williams - February 21, 2025 at 09:49 AM

AA

“ April Alexander sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins



April Alexander - February 21, 2025 at 02:28 AM

ER

“ My heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Shirley Collins. Shirley was a stalwart mentor and a dynamic business woman. She made it her goal to provide the best teaching and support to her staff and the families that she served. Throughout her nursing career she was a top notch supervisor and friend. Her time on this earth leaves a legacy worthy of remembering. Rest in eternal peace Shirley until we meet again. 🌹💙



Edna M, Rubin - February 20, 2025 at 09:32 PM

SB

I am extending my condolences to Mrs Collins family and friends. She was a hard worker and a great nurse with an awesome work ethic. She always worked with compassion for her clients. My prayers to the family.

Sandra Brandon - February 21, 2025 at 10:29 AM

TK

“ TONYA KEENER lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins



TONYA KEENER - February 20, 2025 at 04:23 PM

CC

“ *Claudia Croom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins*



Claudia Croom - February 20, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ *Charlie and Bethany you have my deepest sympathy. Praying your strength and comfort during this trying season.*



Charles Brown Jr. - February 20, 2025 at 12:06 PM

CL

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to Charles and Bethany for the loss of your mom.*



Carla Lewis - February 20, 2025 at 07:27 AM

VS

“ *Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins*



Valerie Southall - February 19, 2025 at 04:57 PM

GR

“ *Best Head Nurse Manager and such a loving, kind and very understanding person who never judged. But oh how she could find a solution for what ever came up unexpectedly. Rest in Heavenly Peace Beautiful Shirley Collins*



Glynis Rice - February 19, 2025 at 04:38 PM

VO

To my Collins Family, she was the most kind, motherly and understanding Queen in the lives of my children and I, our hearts are full of all the love you gave us and though hurting we will take comfort knowing that you are resting comfortably in the arms of our Father in heaven, continuously keeping you and the wonderful family that you shared with us in prayer, Bethany and Charlie, thank you so much for making us a part of your lives. We love you and will continue her legacy.
The Ouedraogo Family

Vickie Ouedraogo - February 19, 2025 at 05:45 PM

JK

May she Rest In Peace

Jordan Kenneth - February 19, 2025 at 06:30 PM

TA

“ *Teresa Anthony-Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Collins*



Teresa Anthony-Johnson - February 19, 2025 at 01:37 PM

GJ

“ Please accept my sincere condolences. My prayers are with you Charles and your family during this difficult time. May God continue to comfort and strengthen you and family. May your Mother rest in eternal peace 🙏🙏

Geraldine Junior - February 19, 2025 at 01:15 PM

VS

“ Vera Styles sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Collins



Vera Styles - February 19, 2025 at 12:42 PM

FT

“ Our condolences to the Collins family. As trendsetters, Shirley, her husband and their children were well-regarded with travel and alpine skiing groups. Shirley and our mother, the late Claudia Louise Tarver were very good friends. They were close for decades after meeting at Hurley. Their interests included inpatient nursing, public health nursing and nursing administration. May she find eternal presence with our Lord and Savior.

Fred Tarver - February 19, 2025 at 11:47 AM

SC

“ Sheri Stuart Collins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins



Sheri Stuart Collins - February 18, 2025 at 05:38 PM

MH

“ *Menden And Patti Holder sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Collins*



Menden And Patti Holder - February 18, 2025 at 05:24 PM

GC

“ *Charles and Bethany My sincere condolences on the loss of your beloved mother. Praying that you and all who loved her find comfort during this difficult time. G. Coney*

Gail Coney - February 18, 2025 at 05:22 PM