



Dr. Shirley Jean Hatchett Ph.D.

May 6, 1947 - August 9, 2024

HATCHETT, Ph.D., Dr. Shirley Jean - Age 77, passed away Friday, August 9, 2024 at Regency of Grand Blanc. Family hour 10:00 AM Monday, August 19, 2024 at Saints of God Church, 2200 Forest Hill Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Alfred L. Harris Sr., officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Monday. Dr. Hatchett will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sunday. Dr. Shirley Jean Hatchett, Ph.D., went home to be with the Lord, August 9, 2024. Born May 6, 1947, in Yazoo City, Mississippi, the cherished daughter of the late James and Marie (Suttlar) Hatchett. At an early age, Dr. Hatchett accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. Ira Watkins at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Flint, Michigan.

Dr. Hatchett's journey in education began in Flint, MI, where she attended Dewey Elementary School, Emerson Junior High School, and graduated from Flint Northern High School. Her passion for learning led her to the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, where she earned her Doctorate in Sociology. Throughout her life, she firmly believed that education was the key to unlocking one's potential and making a meaningful difference in the world. Beyond her professional achievements, she loved planting flowers, collecting turtle figurines, and watching science fiction (with Star Wars being a particular favorite). She was deeply connected to her African heritage, which she

explored through several visits to Africa. As the family historian, she cherished her role in preserving and celebrating her family's rich history.

Her professional career was as diverse as it was impactful. She served as one of the Directors of the Junior Urban League of Flint, MI, and worked as a Newspaper Reporter at The Milwaukee Journal Company in Milwaukee, WI. While working as a research investigator for the Institute of Social Research, in Ann Arbor, MI she created an entirely new national sample of Black households for a major study. She also co-authored several influential books, including *Hope & Independence – Black's Response to Electoral and Party Politics* and *Marital Instability: A Social and Behavioral Study of the Early Years*.

Dr. Hatchett's academic contributions while affiliated with the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor include significant research on family dynamics, social support systems, and political socialization within African American communities. After over 20 years of dedicated service as an associate professor of Sociology, Dr. Hatchett retired from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Her contributions to the field of sociology, particularly in understanding the African American experience, have left an indelible mark on academia.

Dr. Shirley Jean Hatchett, leaves behind a loving family to cherish her memory: her four sisters, Jacquelin Hatchett of Flushing, MI, Cheryl (Gregory) Davis of Columbus, GA, Linda McCain (Eugene McIntyre) of Flint, MI and Valerie Lee of Fairfield, OH. She is also survived by five nieces, three nephews, a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and friends, including her dearest friends, Letha Chadiha and James Owensby.

Dr. Hatchett was preceded in death by her beloved parents, James and Marie Hatchett.

The family extends their heartfelt thanks to the staff of Regency At Grand Blanc, cousins Eddie Lee and Tamara Sanders, family friend of many years Patricia Luckett, special nieces Kimberly Rushing and Michelle Johnson, very special sister and care-giver Jacquelin Hatchett, Pastor Alfred L. Harris, Sr.,

First Lady Denise Harris, and the Saints of God Church family.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 18. 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

AUG 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saints of God Church
2200 Forest Hill Avenue
Flint, MI

Funeral Service

AUG **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saints of God Church
2200 Forest Hill Avenue
Flint, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Sandra Cabine lit a candle in memory of Dr. Shirley Jean Hatchett Ph.D.



Sandra Cabine - August 21, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ Priscilla Spencer



Priscilla Spencer - August 19, 2024 at 03:46 PM



“ Even though I didn't remember Shirley, our condolences for your loss. She was a member of the class of 1965, "The Best Class Alive". LORD, please wrap your loving and comforting arms around the Hattchet family during their hour of grief, In Jesus Name, Amen!



Lincoln Ward - August 19, 2024 at 02:28 PM

VS

“ Vera Styles lit a candle in memory of Dr. Shirley Jean Hatchett Ph.D.



Vera Styles - August 19, 2024 at 11:10 AM

JO

“ Upon learning that my classmate was brought home for care after illness, it wasn't long before wife and I began to visit her. In many classes I spent watching her raise the learning curves that we all sought, and appreciated her much. As Shirley left the class of Flint Northern High as Valedictorian on way to University of Michigan to teach and on to Northern Illinois, co-authoring a book that I now have at home.

Such a pleasure as family welcomed Sharon and I to visit, share a meal or just talk to her; we feel she recognized us both. Jackie was my point person for her visits, and we thank her much for that. It was a pleasure to meet a family that my wife already knew.

Shirley we will miss those thoughts of you in all cases. Your work was well done, and the Flint Northern Class of 1965 acknowledged that purpose easily for you to do - to extend that learning to others. GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR WORK and the honor to have known you.

James and Sharon Owensby and our entire world family & The Class if 1965

James Fizer Owensby - August 18, 2024 at 09:19 PM

GT

“ Gregory Tolbert-Bey lit a candle in memory of Dr. Shirley Jean Hatchett Ph.D.



Gregory Tolbert-Bey - August 18, 2024 at 08:02 PM

PJ

“ Phillip J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Shirley Jean Hatchett Ph.D..

Phillip J. - August 18, 2024 at 05:06 PM

ED

“ Peace to the family.



Eylastine Davis - August 18, 2024 at 04:39 PM

ED

“ Elder Rodney L Dukes lit a candle in memory of Dr. Shirley Jean Hatchett Ph.D.



Elder Rodney L Dukes - August 18, 2024 at 04:28 PM

JL

“ I was a little girl, living directly across North St. I adored the family for spending precious time with me.



Janice (Watson) Lewis - August 18, 2024 at 11:37 AM

FH

“ Freda Hayes lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hatchett



Freda Hayes - August 17, 2024 at 10:46 PM

EM

“ Eddie and Paulette McGhee lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hatchett



Eddie and Paulette McGhee - August 17, 2024 at 09:18 PM

RK

“ Russell Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hatchett



Russell Kirksey - August 17, 2024 at 07:54 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - August 17, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Dr. Shirley Jean Hatchett Ph.D.*



August 17, 2024 at 07:09 AM



“ *Freddie, Margo McCain and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Shirley Jean Hatchett Ph.D.*

Freddie, Margo McCain and family. - August 17, 2024 at 07:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Dr. Shirley Jean Hatchett Ph.D.*



August 16, 2024 at 12:55 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - August 16, 2024 at 11:25 AM

GD

“ *Greg & Cynthia Davis lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hatchett*



Greg & Cynthia Davis - August 16, 2024 at 08:32 AM

LS

“ *Singleton Family of Bray Rd send our Prayers to our family* 🙏🙏🙏🙏



Louis Singleton - August 16, 2024 at 03:37 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Shirley Jean Hatchett Ph.D..*



August 15, 2024 at 09:59 PM



“ *Our condolences to Cheryl and the Hatchett family in their time of loss. Please know that we are keeping you all in our prayers.*

Gerald and Linda Williams (Atlanta, GA)

Linda Williams - August 15, 2024 at 09:43 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss, knew Shirley from school. May the Lord strengthen your family during this bereavement time.*



Dafora Burnett - August 15, 2024 at 07:42 AM



“ *Elder-Dr. Carolyn Steele-Davis lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hatchett*



Elder-Dr. Carolyn Steele-Davis - August 15, 2024 at 01:25 AM

JD

“ Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hatchett



Jean Durrett - August 15, 2024 at 12:53 AM

VK

“ Vivian Kelley lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hatchett



Vivian Kelley - August 14, 2024 at 11:49 PM

BW

“ My condolences and prayers to Jackie and the entire family on the loss of your loved one. May God give you strength and comfort during this time of



Betty Wesley - August 14, 2024 at 09:17 PM

J(

“ James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hatchett



James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) - August 14, 2024 at 09:15 PM

MS

“ *Mark & Willy Johnson son of Sam. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. Shirley Jean Hatchett Ph.D..*



Mark & Willy Johnson son of Sam. - August 14, 2024 at 07:27 PM

LC

“ *Eleanor Roosevelt wrote: "Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart." These words say exactly how I feel about Shirley Jean Hatchett--a dear friend, "soul sister" and colleague. I send my heartfelt condolences to her family during this sad time. Letha Chadiha*

Letha Chadiha - August 14, 2024 at 05:57 PM

MT

“ *Meriann Taylor lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hatchett*



Meriann Taylor - August 14, 2024 at 04:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Shirley Jean Hatchett Ph.D..*



August 14, 2024 at 01:29 PM

KU

“ Katherine Tate, Brown university planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Shirley Jean Hatchett Ph.D..

Katherine Tate, Brown university - August 14, 2024 at 01:29 PM

AJ

“ Andrew L Gayden Jr lit a candle in memory of Dr. Shirley Jean Hatchett Ph.D.



Andrew L Gayden Jr - August 13, 2024 at 11:37 PM

LC

“ Lydia Coleman lit a candle in memory of Dr. Shirley Jean Hatchett Ph.D.



Lydia Coleman - August 13, 2024 at 02:15 PM

JF

“ Jody Franklin lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hatchett



Jody Franklin - August 13, 2024 at 09:10 AM

TB

“ Sending my prayers and condolences to the Hatchett Family. Our families grew up together and had some memorable times. Cheryl, know that my thoughts and love are with you at this trying time. God loves all of you and remember that I do too. Always "look to the hills"



Tommie Beverly{Johnson} - August 12, 2024 at 10:43 PM

HG

“ We are praying for the Hatchett family in the passing of your sister. Jackie you did a great job of caring for her.

Henry and Gwendolyn Gaines - August 12, 2024 at 06:55 PM

MD

“ Mary Parks Deason



Mary Parks Deason - August 12, 2024 at 05:46 PM

HM

“ Herman McCain lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hatchett



Herman McCain - August 11, 2024 at 03:57 PM

HV

“ Hope Veasley sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Hatchett



Hope Veasley - August 10, 2024 at 05:06 PM

SF

“ Prayers and condolences extended to the families



Sharon Fleming - August 10, 2024 at 03:57 PM

JF

“ Jody Franklin lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hatchett



Jody Franklin - August 09, 2024 at 11:29 PM

PL

Anniversary God has just accepted another angel and she had a DR in front of her name thank God for people like her kind, sweet generous and on point God bless the family

Patricia Lockett - August 11, 2024 at 11:44 PM

PC

Condolences to the family sorry for your loss

Pamela Coles - August 13, 2024 at 12:52 PM