



## Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray

March 12, 1936 - May 17, 2019

MURRAY, Mrs. Shirley Jean - Age 83, passed away Friday, May 17, 2019 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:30 AM Friday, May 24, 2019 at Quinn Chapel AME Church, 2101 Lippincott Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Sharinese Jackson, Host Pastor. Pastor Janiro Hawkins, Eulogist. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Friday. Mrs. Murray will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM, with family present 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Thursday.

Shirley Jean Murray was born March 12, 1936 in Flint, Michigan, the third child of Solomon and Willie Belle Jones. She graduated from Flint Central High School, "Class of 1954." Shirley moved to Detroit, MI in 1955 to attend Beauty College, she returned to Flint in 1956. She began working at A.C. Spark Plug, a division of General Motors Corporation, retiring in 1987 after 30 years of service. In 1957, she married Harold Murray and 3 children were born to this union. They remained married for 50 years.

Shirley was a dedicated, lifelong member of Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, serving faithfully on the Stewardess Board, Food Committee and a proud dancer of the Seasoned Soul Liturgy Dance Group. She was lovingly known as "Granny" to so many, especially in the Beecher District and was a faithful member of the Dolan-Daly East Block Club. Shirley was a very caring and giving person who never met a stranger. She was also

Secretary of Beecher Community Development Council. Shirley loved talking to Sheila Washington about “The Haves and Have Nots” show.

Shirley Jean Murray leaves to cherish her memory: 2 daughters, Shirletta Murray of Warner Robins, GA and Lanita Murray-Marion; grandsons, Otto Brown III, Ashton Marion, Jarrod Murray, all of “Beecher Community” and Micah Murray of Warner Robins, GA; granddaughters, Carmen Nooney Brown of Houston, TX and Tiara Murray; great-grandsons, Kyrie Flowers and Jordan Kendricks; great-granddaughters, Kalizjah Garvins, Zahiara Mitchell and Gigi Flowers; sister, Judith Nolden; nephews, Vanthony (Gloria) McMullan of Grand Rapids, MI, Bryant “BB” and Corey Nolden; nieces, Roxane Pringle, Darlene DeShazor and Rhea Jones; great-nephews, Jared (Rosa) Johnson of Seattle, WA, Antwan (Shanta) McMullan of Canton, MI, Malcolm McMullan of Grand Rapids, MI, Jawaun (Cornisha) Jones and Eddie Pringle III; great-nieces, Morgan McMullan of Grand Rapids, MI and Jacquetta Jones; several great-great-nephews and great-great-nieces; sister-in-law, Norma Bowie of Topeka, KS and her children, the Steele and Bowie family of Topeka, KS; a host of other relatives including the Hawkins, Threatt family of Pontiac/Detroit, and Pippens family, god-daughter, Cookie Miller; special niece, Carolyn (Murray) Hampton of Pine Bluff, AR and Val Hicks of Hampton, CA; a host of other relatives and friends.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Murray; son, Harold Murray Jr.; parents, Solomon and Willie Belle Jones; brother, William Jones; sister, Lucille McMullan; brothers-in-law, Willie Nolden Jr., Theodore Murray and Kenneth Murray; nephew, Walter McMullan Jr.; sisters-in-law, Dorothy (Murray) Walton and Maxine Murray; best friends, Jean Dicks, Curtis Etta Goodman and Hurticine Taylor

The family would like to express special thanks to Adriann, Ruth, Margett, Diana, Lillian, Verberle, Jessie, Singleton family, Lucy, the Brown family, Curtis Buggs and the entire Orange Blossom Lane neighbors, Dr. A. Minasian and Hurley Medical Center 5th Floor CCU for their care and Quinn Chapel AME Church family. Also thanks to Larry Brown Sr. for helping and taking good care

of our Mom.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

**MAY 23.** 2:00 PM - 7:00 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 Present

**MAY 23.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

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MAY **24**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Quinn Chapel AME Church  
2101 Lippincott Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48503

## Service

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MAY **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *MaryAnn Johnson-James lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*



**MaryAnn Johnson-James** - May 24, 2019 at 07:39 PM



“ *May God bless and strengthen everyone in JESUS name amen*



**Michele Buckler** - May 24, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ *Joya Reaves-Embry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*



**Joya Reaves-Embry** - May 24, 2019 at 12:06 PM

JR

“ *Shirletta, Lanita and family*  
*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your sweet mother Shirley. I was so blessed to know her. She always always had kind words to say about my own mother and to me. I wish I could be there but know you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Sending much love and hugs.*

*Joya Reaves-Embry*

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**Joya Reaves-Embry** - May 24, 2019 at 12:05 PM

DF

“ *Davis/Poplar Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*



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**Davis/Poplar Family** - May 23, 2019 at 10:46 PM

MP

“ *Michelle Davis/Keshia & Stephanie Poplar sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*



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**Michelle Davis/Keshia & Stephanie Poplar** - May 23, 2019 at 10:45 PM

M(

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of you ladies mom. My prayers and condolences are with you and all your family 🥹❤️



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**Marcella Oden (Mott)** - May 23, 2019 at 08:54 PM

DM

“ I will cherish the time and memories I had with Shirley. It was a blessing to have the same birth month with Shirley. We shared a lot of laughs and prayers. I express my love, prayers and support to the family. Shirley I promise to look after your Sister Judith and her family too. Rest In Heaven Shirley! You will be missed. In the midst of my tears, I smile with glee because Heaven has truly gained another Angel. With Love, Deb Milling!



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**Deborah Milling** - May 23, 2019 at 08:30 PM

DM

“ Sister Judith, we are praying for you and your family during the loss of your sister, Mrs. Shirley Murray. We encourage you to continue to trust God, for He is your strength, peace and comfort. We love you, your Saved By Grace Christian Ministries Flint Campus Church Family: Apostle Dontez Williams, Pastor; Pastor Sheri Williams, Co- Pastor; Ministers Betty, Deb, John & Sheeka, all of its members and ministries!



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**Deborah Milling** - May 23, 2019 at 08:22 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray.*



May 23, 2019 at 02:11 PM



“ *I'm so glad that I got to meet my cousin Shirley before she went home to be with God and our family member !!! Rest in Heaven cousin Shirley !!!*



**Jocelyn Hawkins** - May 23, 2019 at 01:11 PM

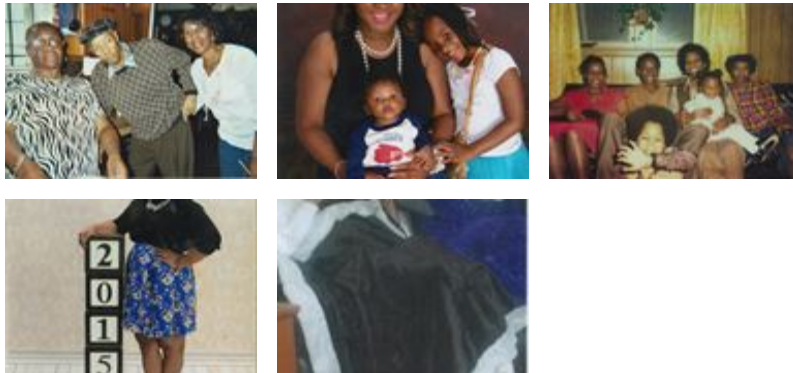


*May you find peace and comfort in your memories of cousin Shirley !!!*

**Jocelyn Hawkins** - May 23, 2019 at 04:50 PM



“ *62 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - May 23, 2019 at 01:05 PM

CO

“ My sincere condolences to the family and friends for the loss of your dear loved one Mrs. Murray. There really are no words to express the heartfelt sadness one feels when such a special person is gone. As you cherish your special memories, may relying on Almighty God through prayer provide comfort and strength. (Philippians 4:6-7)



Collier - May 23, 2019 at 08:40 AM



“ My heart goes out to the Murray family. Your dad as well as your mom always made me feel at home. R.I.P. Mrs. Murray. Sincerely Juan P. Tucker

Juan Tucker - May 23, 2019 at 05:56 AM

LH

“ I'm so deeply sorry to hear about the loss of your dear, Mother. God wrap your arms around my family, please give them your strength and your love to get through such pain. IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HIGH..AMEN.. I love you all. Rest in Paradise Mother..Love You So Much..Hoskins Family..🥰🥰

Lynda Hoskins - May 23, 2019 at 02:47 AM

LH

“ Lynda Hoskins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray



Lynda Hoskins - May 23, 2019 at 02:42 AM

JM

“ Thinking of you at this sad time and wishing you and the family strength and peace with Gods blessings.  
Jerry and Rosalee Minor.

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**jerry and Rosalee Minor** - May 22, 2019 at 10:20 PM

GM

“ I am so sorry to hear the death of Mrs. Murray. I met her when Shirletta and Lanita were students at Dolan Junior High. She was every educator's dream parent. Years later she was at Beecher High with her grandson. Not only was she there for her children she was an advocate for all children. Indeed a community advocate. I am praying for the family.  
Georgia Terrell McCall  
Beecher Teacher/Counselor

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**Georgia Terrell McCall** - May 22, 2019 at 05:18 PM

SG

“ Shawna Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray



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**Shawna Gilbert** - May 22, 2019 at 03:28 PM

  
Tamora  
Watson

“ Tamora Watson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray



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**Tamora Watson** - May 22, 2019 at 09:15 AM

RS

“ Rotunda (Tonya) Singleton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray



Rotunda (Tonya) Singleton - May 21, 2019 at 11:44 PM

RS

“ Sending my condolences to the family. I am so saddened in the loss of as we all called her Granny she was definitely a very special person so kind and caring what a precious Gem ....Too many memories 😞 RIP Granny with Love....Ms. Tonya Singleton

Rotunda (Tonya) Singleton - May 21, 2019 at 11:42 PM



“ Our sincere and heartfelt condolences to Shirletta and the entire family of Ms Shirley Murray. BEVERLY Simpson and Cerese Simpson Pennington.

Cerese Simpson Pennington - May 21, 2019 at 06:04 PM



“ Cerese Simpson Pennington sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray



Cerese Simpson Pennington - May 21, 2019 at 05:41 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Calhoun sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*



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**Brenda Calhoun** - May 21, 2019 at 05:19 PM

AT

“ *Please accept my sincerest condolences on the passing of Shirley. She was a long time friend of my mother Curtis Etta Goodman. I have fond memories of the two of them laughing, talking and listening to the blues. She will forever be a part of the fabric of my childhood.*  
*Angela Tyler*

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**Angela Tyler** - May 21, 2019 at 01:11 PM

JS

“ *Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*



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**Jacqueline Scott** - May 21, 2019 at 11:17 AM

JA

“ *Condolence to the family, we sympathize with you all, may your family and friends bring you peace.*

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**jacklyn** - May 21, 2019 at 10:55 AM



“ *Sharing my thoughts and Prayers to my Cousin's. Cousin Shirley was loved by many especially by her Cousin's The Hawkins Family. I have so many great memories that will last a lifetime. Cousin Shirley will forever be in my heart and I thank God for placing such a humble, Beautiful soul in our lives for 83 years. Sending much love to Cousin Shirletta, Lanita and Cousin Chick Nolden. Love you all, Cousin Je'Voniu Davis*



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**Je'Voniu Davis** - May 21, 2019 at 10:07 AM



“ *Mary Evans sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*



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**Mary Evans** - May 20, 2019 at 06:12 PM



“ *Mary Evans lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*



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**Mary Evans** - May 20, 2019 at 06:12 PM

LR

“ Shirletta, Please know that all of the members of the "Seasoned Soles" grieve with you. We pray that your memories will comfort you in the days ahead. You and the family remain in our prayers.



Linda Ryals-Massey - May 20, 2019 at 03:45 PM

DR

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the family of Mrs. Shirley Murray, in hopes that God sends you peace and grace during these times. I will truly miss her.



Deborah Roberts - May 19, 2019 at 11:51 PM

CH

To the Murray and Jones Family. You have my condolences. God will take care of you. God Grace and mercy be with you

Carolyn Hampton - May 23, 2019 at 10:07 PM

JW

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



Jerri Winfrey-Carter - May 19, 2019 at 11:31 PM

DF

“ *Driskell Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*



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**Driskell Family** - May 19, 2019 at 11:37 AM

YT

“ *Yvonne Tidwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*



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**Yvonne Tidwell** - May 18, 2019 at 11:04 PM

DM

“ *I have lost a long time friend. We went to Clark, Whittier and Central together. May you rest in the arms of our Lord and Savior. Take your rest. You will be missed. Dolores McGowan*

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**Dolores McGowan** - May 18, 2019 at 09:11 PM

EW

“ *Eva White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*



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**Eva White** - May 18, 2019 at 07:25 PM

RH

“ My Condolences Love And Prayers Of Strength Are To And For The Family. May God Continue Blessing You All Comfort And Peace.



Ruthi Hill - May 18, 2019 at 03:18 PM

MA

“ Sorry about your loss sending my condolence Shirley Murray she will be truly missed love Marie and family

Marie - May 18, 2019 at 02:21 PM

IG

“ To the family our prayers are with you as you prepare to say celebrate the life of a great women of love compassion strength but most of all the daughter of the most high God she touched so many lives by helping others rather friends or family today we say thank you for the gift you gave all of those who knew her now lord give us all peace in this hour of bereavement she will be missed but never forgotten



Ira Gilbert - May 18, 2019 at 11:55 AM

JA

“ Condolences to the family, may the God of comfort grant you peace at this most difficult time.

Jacklyn - May 18, 2019 at 09:13 AM

AJ

“ *Alma Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*



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**Alma Johnson** - May 18, 2019 at 08:23 AM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*



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**MINISTER PAM** - May 18, 2019 at 07:46 AM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*



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**MINISTER PAM** - May 18, 2019 at 07:46 AM

VH

“ *One of the sweetest ladies ever...definitely a blessing to all of her family and friends. Shirletta and LaNita my sincere condolences to you both and family..*



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**Vanessa Hicks** - May 18, 2019 at 05:21 AM

JK

“ *Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*



Jesse Kirksey - May 17, 2019 at 11:40 PM

PF

“ *Payton Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*



Payton Family - May 17, 2019 at 09:39 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Waits sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*



Brenda Waits - May 17, 2019 at 08:20 PM

EW

“ *Eva White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*



Eva White - May 17, 2019 at 08:14 PM

JM

“ *James & Barbara Moore lit a candle in  
memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Murray*



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**James & Barbara Moore** - May 17, 2019 at 07:11 PM