



Mrs. Shirley Ann Gates-Crump

August 18, 1955 - November 18, 2025

Sis. Shirley Ann Gates-Crump was born on August 18, 1955, to the late Lorendy Watkins Clark. She was raised in Broward County where she graduated from Fort Lauderdale High School in 1973.

Sis. Shirley accepted Christ at an early age. She attended House To House Baptist Church. She served faithfully as a Mother of the church and the Women-Hood Ministry. She worked diligently with her husband in the Jail House Ministry. Sis Shirley was a policeman in the United States Army. She was a 100% Disabled Veteran and loved serving her country. She received an Associate of Arts in Business Administration at Strayer University. Sis. Shirley wrote a book of her life.

She was united in holy matrimony to Willie D. Crump on July 29, 1997. She loved her two dogs Rusty and Lil Man and called them her children. Rusty was her service dog and Lil Man was her watch dog, both were very protective of her.

Sis. Shirley was preceded in death by her mother, siblings, John S. Clark Jr, Vickie Spann-Reaves, and William Clark.

Sis. Shirley leaves to mourn in passing, her husband, Willie D. Crump; four sisters: Laura Richardson (James), Katie Major both of FL, Shirley Spann of

VA, Judy Spann Lugo of NC: six brothers: Alvin Watkins, "C" Tommy Clark Leonard Spann Jr, Clinton Spann, Larry Spann, Leroy Spann, Anthony Spann, and Darryl Spann all of FL; two aunts: Doretha Smith of MI and Annie Mattison of GA; four brothers-in-law; three sisters-in-law; two favorite nieces, Johanna Leeks and Theresa Pulliam both of FL; three close friends of MS; Virginia Mcgee, Rosie McNair, Shelia Walker, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and church members.

Cemetery Details

Mississippi VA Memorial Cemetery

248 Honor Circle
Newton, MS 39345

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 30. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home
745 Highway 468
Brandon, MS 39042
(601) 825-3884
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Homegoing Service

DEC 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

House to House MB Church
1207 Deeb Street
Pearl, MS 39208

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Shirley Ann Gates-Crump*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - November 29, 2025 at 04:46 PM



“ *Thank You For Your Service* 🚒 ♀ ☐
Rest In Heavenly Peace 😇



Karen McCoy - December 08, 2025 at 09:17 AM



“ *Sharon Henton lit a candle in memory of Shirley Gates-Crump*



Sharon Henton - November 27, 2025 at 10:36 PM

VG

“ *Van Gipson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Gates-Crump*



Van Gipson - November 23, 2025 at 09:20 AM

VM

“ *Virginia McGee lit a candle in memory of Shirley Gates-Crump*



Virginia McGee - November 22, 2025 at 02:37 PM

LV

“ *Ms. Shirley, a very sweet lady whom I met in 2009 at the Miami VA. I'm going to miss your smiles, laughter and our talks. Condolences and prayers to you Mr. Crump and your family.*
Love
LaShondra Vaughan



Lashondra Vaughan - November 21, 2025 at 10:32 PM

EA

“ *Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Shirley Gates-Crump*



Eddie Ainsworth - November 21, 2025 at 07:56 AM

EY

“ Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of Shirley Gates-Crump



Evelyn Young - November 20, 2025 at 09:02 PM

LM

My sincere condolences to Willie Davis and family. May God comfort you and family during this difficult time.

Linda Thornton McLaurin - December 01, 2025 at 02:07 PM