



Mrs. Shirley Marie Porter Horton

August 2, 1943 - August 9, 2022

Shirley Marie Porter Horton devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend to many, made her transition from this earthly life to her eternal home on August 9, 2022.

Shirley Marie Porter Horton was born August 2, 1943, to the late Gussie Mae Porter and Walter Reese Sykes in Aberdeen, Monroe County, Mississippi.

As a youth, Shirley was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Aberdeen, Mississippi where she was baptized and professed her love for Christ. Later in life she found a church home at The New Covenant Temple United Holy Church in Harlem, New York. On her return to Mississippi, she fellowshipped at Mt. Ridge Methodist Church and Trinity United Methodist Church in Brandon, Mississippi.

Shirley's formative years of early education were well cultivated at Jarmon Rosenwald in Egypt, Mississippi and Vine Street in Aberdeen, Mississippi. She completed the remainder of her school years with the Aberdeen School District, which included her high school years at Shivers High School, graduating in 1963. With determination and dedication, Shirley completed her formal education at SUNY Empire State College, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree. Mr. Williams Earl Whitley, Shirley's classmate, stated that Shirley was extremely smart and you could always find her reading a book.

Mr. Williams said "she was a bookworm."

After graduating in 1964, Shirley departed Mississippi making her way to New York, where she met and married the love of her life, Robert L. Horton with whom she shares two beautiful, precious, and amazing daughters, Sonya and Sharise. Shirley was employed at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York for 30 years working as a histology laboratory technician. Over the span of her almost 40 years in New York, she developed her entrepreneurial spirit starting with a casual interest in crystal glassware and ultimately becoming an expert in Depression era glass, Blue Willow China, Roseville Pottery and vintage linens. As an active member of the Long Island Depression Glass Society, she presented and sold her specialty pieces throughout New York City, the Hamptons and Connecticut. To this day, her personal collection is extensive and quite impressive. Shirley was also an active member of the Rotary Club of Southeast Queens, receiving numerous citations and awards for her dedicated service. After a fulfilling and extraordinary life in New York, Shirley and her husband started the next phase of their lives in Brandon, MS, relocating to the area in 2001.

With her personal sense of glam and style, Shirley, was a fashionista, an interior decorator, and she was loved for her delectable gourmet meals artistically prepared. She was personable, charismatic, calm and had a giving nature. She embraced compassion, fairness, integrity, and respect for all. In 2017, she realized a lifelong dream, traveling to Ghana, Africa.

She was her family's matriarch, strong, kind, resolute and always a source of strength, support and inspiration for family, friends and the community.

Preceding her in death was her brother, Charles Wardell Shaw of Aberdeen, Mississippi and two sisters Katherine Key (Willie) and Dean Porter. Two beautiful and loving sisters-in-law, Beverly Nelson Shaw (Richard) and

Catherine Shaw (Charles Wardell) .

Shirley leaves to cherish her loving memory: Robert Horton, her husband of 58 years, daughters Sonya Covington (Wayne) of Huntington, New York and Sharise Horton Lawrence (Sean) of Indian Trail, North Carolina and her beloved grandsons Xavier Covington and Brandon Lawrence; sisters Cressie "Pat" Shaw (Freddy Thompson) of Aberdeen, Mississippi and Linda Walker (late Johnny Walker) of Houston, Mississippi, brothers Richard Shaw (Lutithia Worthy-Luckett) of Jackson, Mississippi, James Shaw (Ernestine Shaw) of Stone Mountain, Georgia, sister-in-law Ernestine Reaves (late David Reaves) of Pittsboro, North Carolina, special daughters Sabrina Williams, Louise Burkhead and Sharon Townson and a host of dearly loved nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Parkway Memorial Cemetery

1161 Highland Colony Parkway
Ridgeland, MS 39157

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

AUG 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

"Lovie" Dean Memorial Chapel
745 Hwy 468
Brandon, MS 39042

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Shirley Marie Porter Horton*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - August 21, 2022 at 07:27 AM



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Shirley Marie Porter Horton*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - August 19, 2022 at 01:00 PM



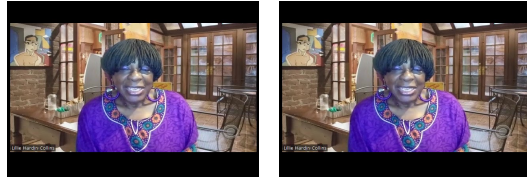
“ *I remember her as a sweet loving Godmother to my sister E'Nita. My condolences to the family.*



V. Watts - July 08, 2025 at 10:44 PM



“ 2 files added to the album HomeGoing Celebration



Lillie Hardin-Collins - August 28, 2022 at 06:48 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lutithia Luckett - August 24, 2022 at 08:32 PM



“ <https://youtu.be/3Z8x-CPUh0>

Lutithia Luckett - August 24, 2022 at 08:29 PM



“ 1 file added to the album HomeGoing Celebration



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - August 21, 2022 at 07:27 AM

VD

“ Because Mrs. Horton has created such loving memories for her family, may she continue to walk beside them every day and bring them comfort. My thoughts and prayers are with you today and always. Love, Velma Dove

Velma Dove - August 20, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ Napa Valley Charm Wine Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Marie Porter Horton.



August 20, 2022 at 11:01 AM

EA

“ Shirley has been my Dear Friend for years. I miss her already. We talked weekly. My deepest sympathy to the Family.

ELLA ABNEY - August 19, 2022 at 08:31 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Marie Porter Horton.



August 18, 2022 at 06:14 PM

BT

“ *Brooklyn Public Library CPFM team purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mrs. Shirley Marie Porter Horton.*



Brooklyn Public Library CPFM team - August 18, 2022 at 01:22 PM

LH

“ *Lil Hardin-Collins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Marie Porter Horton*



Lil Hardin-Collins - August 17, 2022 at 11:59 PM

AF

“ *All Our Love, The Boyd Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mrs. Shirley Marie Porter Horton.*



All Our Love, The Boyd Family - August 17, 2022 at 03:56 PM

LY

“ *Lynette lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Marie Porter Horton*



Lynette - August 17, 2022 at 12:17 AM



“ *Mrs. Shirley was a very sweet lady, we spoke on the phone often about growing up in Mississippi. this is one of her distant cousins for Egypt, MS, Merritt 'Stan" Carr she will be missed!!*

Merritt Carr - August 16, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Almeda Harmon*



Almeda Harmon - August 16, 2022 at 10:39 AM



“ *Regina Smith Brock lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Marie Porter Horton*



Regina Smith Brock - August 15, 2022 at 08:21 PM



“ *Trinity United Methodist Church purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Shirley Marie Porter Horton.*



Trinity United Methodist Church - August 15, 2022 at 02:31 PM

LJ

“ Louise Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Marie Porter Horton



Louise Jones - August 14, 2022 at 08:39 PM

AW

“ Annie Ruth Ware lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Marie Porter Horton



Annie Ruth Ware - August 14, 2022 at 05:26 PM

AL

“ To Patricia and family, we are keeping you all in our prayers. God will give you all strength just continue to Trust and Believe. We love ❤️ you all because we are Family.
McAllister Family

alma - August 14, 2022 at 03:11 PM

ET

“ Evelyn Tillis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Marie Porter Horton



Evelyn Tillis - August 12, 2022 at 12:34 PM

BB

Though her wings were ready our hearts were not 🙏🙏🙏

Barbara Broadwater - August 16, 2022 at 08:07 AM