



Shirley Wade

August 2, 1935 - June 29, 2013

Shirley Ann Mathis Wade was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 2, 1935 to the late Henry C. and Janie Mathis, the last child of seven children. She was preceded in death by a brother and five sisters.

Shirley graduated from Brown Elementary School and Lucy Flowers High School. She accepted Jesus Christ at a very early age and was baptized at Greater Union Baptist Church by the late Reverend Arthur Hubbard Sr.

Growing up in the church, she loved music and played piano for awhile but later joined a well known Chicago choir called the Thommies founded by childhood friend, Milton Brunson. They later became The Thompson Community Choir.

Shirley came to Cleveland, Ohio to visit her cousins Jereline and Delores. While enjoying various church musicals, she met and married the talented James W. Wade II. To this union, one child was born, James W. Wade III.

Shirley worked for United Way as a clerk for many years before going to work for Cuyahoga County until she retired. She enjoyed having fun and dancing but said many times that she spent some of her best days being in the Women's Civic Organization at the Temple Baptist Church.

Before joining Temple Baptist Church, she went to Mary B. Wise under the leadership of Rev. Louis Benson and Christian Tabernacle Baptist Church where the late Rev. William T. Sawyer was the pastor.

Shirley was a stern but graceful woman whom many, over the years, cared deeply for. When you came in contact with her, you could not help but notice she was a quiet woman who would bend over backwards to do anything for you.

On Saturday, June 29, 2013, God opened His gate and said, "Welcome good and faithful

Servant.” God saw you were getting weary, so He did what He thought was best. He stood beside you and whispered, “Come home and rest.” The weary hours, the days of pain, the sleepless nights are over.

She leaves to cherish in her memories: her well-loved son, Jimmy, and granddaughter, DaSha. Her good friends Beverly Thomas, Mary Turner, and Brenda Matthews. Many nieces, nephews, first cousins in Atlanta, GA, Columbus, OH and Chicago, IL, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery

Cleveland Memorial Gardens
4324 Green Road
Cleveland, OH, 44128

Events

JUL 4 Visitation 02:00PM - 05:00PM
Strawbridge Memorial Chapel
3934 Lee Road, Cleveland, OH, US, 44128

JUL 5 Visitation 10:30AM - 11:00AM
Morning Star Baptist Church
10250 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, OH, US, 44104

JUL 5 Service 11:00AM
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Comments



“Granny I love you! As a kid we shared special times during New Years. You taught me to be on my knees at midnight as we toasted with Sparkling Cider. Lol then we layed on the floor cause them guns were going off outside. I will remember your smile and your sense of taste in clothing and make up! Thank you for placing a special jewel in my life. Love your oldest grandchild.

Da'Sha Wade - July 04, 2013 at 04:03 PM