



Ms. Shirley Faye Shorter

August 14, 1934 - March 7, 2021

SHIRLEY

Shirley Faye Shorter was the first child of the late George Daniel Shorter and Sylvira Odessa (Lewis) Shorter. She was born in Washington, D.C. on August 14, 1934 and was educated in the D.C. public school system. She graduated from Cardozo Senior High School in June 1952.

In June 1954, at the age of 19, Shirley began working for the Federal Government. First, she worked as a clerk-typist at the Department of Navy. There she typed various contractual documents relating to specialty needs and directives dealing with aircraft carriers, submarines, destroyers, and other naval vessels. Later, she became a Contract Specialist and was authorized to write contractual documents relating to those vessels and which required the knowledge of basic procurement procedures and techniques. She worked for the Navy for 12 1/2 years. She then transferred to the U.S. Postal service as a Contract Specialist where she wrote contractual documents for such postal items as lock boxes, motorists' mail chutes and letter sorting machines. She worked for the Postal service for 6 1/2 years before transferring to the Department of Labor where she worked in a policy writing office as a Procurement Analyst. There her job was to write implementing instructions and policies based on directives received from the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, which is a component of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, part of the Executive Office of the President of the United States. She retired from the Department of Labor in June 1991 after 37 years of

Federal Service.

After her retirement, Shirley worked part time as a secretary in the office of Peace Lutheran Church, in Washington, D.C. She also volunteered in other church work areas, such as ushering, teaching a Bible class for 20 years, working with the church historians and serving on the Prayer Chain. She was also a member of the Hope Club, the church's organization for seniors and the Singles' ministry.

She was an avid theatre goer and has been a supporter of the Arena Stage for more than 35 years. Shirley also enjoyed dance and ballet (especially the Washington, D.C. and New York City ballet companies and the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater). Her other interests included music (Jazz and Classical in particular), visiting art galleries, such as the Philadelphia Museum of Art, travelling by train, and reading good books often one by John Grisham. Shirley departed this life on the sunny afternoon of March 7, 2021 in the company of her nephew James. She leaves to cherish her memory her brother, Lewis Shorter, sister Kay Schwandt, nieces Sonia Schwandt, Kimberly Hulse, Jennifer Schwandt-Gayle; Her nephew James Shorter, her grandnieces Heather Gayle, Hope Gayle and, Katherine Hulse, grandnephews Gregory John Shorter, Philip Shorter Herbert Schwandt II, Colin Shorter, Kyle Shields, and a host of cousins, loved ones and friends.

Cemetery Details

LINCOLN MEMORIAL CEMETERY

4001 SUITLAND RD
SUITLAND, MD 20746

Previous Events

Public Viewing

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

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel
5538 MARLBORO PIKE
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

Funeral Service

MAR 19. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Shirley Faye Shorter*



Pope Funeral Homes - March 19, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ *Ms. Shirley Faye Shorter*

January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Ms. Shirley Faye Shorter*

January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Vallorie Coley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Shirley Faye Shorter*



Vallorie Coley - March 19, 2021 at 12:20 PM

VC

“ I am sending comforting prayers to Lewis and Kay for their sister. I will always remember Shirley's warm beautiful smile and calming spirit. She was the church historian as well as many other things. She is loved and will be missed.


Vallorie Coley - March 19, 2021 at 12:19 PM

RP

“ Dear Kay and Lewis, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your sister Shirley. My heart is filled with grief but also wonderful memories. Shirley was a woman who loved the Lord and showed it in all she did and to those she encountered. I recall great conversations with her during my time at PLC. She shared her Godly wisdom and human relationship experiences with me. In closing, both of you are brother and sister of faith. Use it, lean on it, and draw from it on tough days. Shirley has gone thru the door that leads to the place we all aspire to spend eternity. May God's peace and love comfort both of you and your extended family. Sending love and hugs.
Regina Petite

Regina Petite - March 19, 2021 at 12:15 PM

KW

“ My Grandma, Dorothy Jenkins, LOVED her Prayer Chain partner . Thank you for being her very good friend.

Kenyetta Wilson - March 19, 2021 at 11:35 AM

LC

“ Condolences and Prayers from Lonnie and Wendy Coleman@



Lonnie Coleman - March 18, 2021 at 11:33 PM

KS

“ KATHERINE SCHWANDT sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Shirley Faye Shorter



KATHERINE SCHWANDT - March 17, 2021 at 10:56 AM

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“ KATHERINE SCHWANDT lit a candle in memory of Ms. Shirley Faye Shorter



KATHERINE SCHWANDT - March 17, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ Condolence Snacks was purchased for the family of Ms. Shirley Faye Shorter.



March 16, 2021 at 07:31 PM

KS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



KATHERINE SCHWANDT - March 15, 2021 at 03:02 PM

SR

“ Kay and Louis my heart goes out to you at this time. Shirley was my start at being an usher, she would say “what a joy being one of God’s most trusted servants”, and now I’m a Golden Girl I will always be a blessing just like she taught me doing God’s work, may she rest in Gods loving arms!!

Sharon Ross

Sharon Ross - March 15, 2021 at 02:01 PM

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“ Thank you all for your messages of support and hope.

KATHERINE SCHWANDT - March 13, 2021 at 02:56 PM