



Mrs. Shirley D. Wheeler

November 27, 1946 - October 14, 2010

Shirley Diana Wheeler, affectionately known as Diane, daughter of the late Jessie Minor Blacknall (Lawrence) and George Smith was born on November 27, 1946 in Roswell, New Mexico. She was gently lifted home on October 14, 2010 at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland surrounded by her husband, loving son and daughters, family, and friends at the age of 63.

Waiting to welcome her to the Heavenly Father's arms were her parents and grandparents, step father, Johnnie Lawrence; sisters, Dorothy Brown, Doris Kerney, Charlotte Jefferson and Susan Lawrence; brothers, Edward Moore, Danny Oliver, William Oliver; father-in-law, Samuel Wheeler, Sr.; brother-in-law Kenneth Wheeler; and sister-in-law Marcia Wheeler.

Shirley Diana spent most of her school years and early childhood between Roswell, New Mexico and Portland, Oregon. In 1973, she married Samuel Jackson Wheeler. Samuel "Jack" and Diane had a blended family that included their two grandchildren that they raised as their own, along with many of the neighborhood children. She always enjoyed having a house full.

In 1979 she graduated from Eastern New Mexico University Roswell with a degree in Nursing. She worked as a registered nurse at St. Mary's hospital in Roswell for many years. Upon discharge from the military they relocated to Baltimore where she continued the last ten years of her career at Sinai Hospital. After having several health issues and battling breast cancer, she was forced to retire in 2000. Diane was dedicated to her work and loved to help and be a blessing to others. She loved to cook for her family and friends and boy could she cook! She was a wonderful hostess and enjoyed entertaining. Diane used to always say, "If there was room on the floor that there was room for one more." She was the most giving person anyone ever met. Her smile could light up the world. She never had a bad thing to say about anyone. She loved and laughed from her soul. She was a Christian who loved the Lord with her whole heart and worked faithfully in any church that she was a member. While in New Mexico, she was a member of First Church

of God in Christ in Clovis, NM. In 1989, she became a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Baltimore, MD under the leadership of Dr. Haywood Robinson, III. She was a faithful steward serving in many capacities including the Nurse's Ministry, Usher Ministry, Culinary Ministry, Mission Board, Drama Ministry, Children's Ministry and Choir prior her health failing.

Diana leaves to cherish her loving memory four daughters: Toni Michelle Moore-Payton and husband Melvin of Clovis, NM, Angela Gail Moore of Roswell, NM, LaTrenda Suzette Wheeler of Lawton, OK, Ebony Sha'La Custis (granddaughter) and husband Mark of Baltimore, MD; one son: Marcus Xavier Pearson (grandson) and wife Vallie of Greensboro, NC; four sisters: Jacqueline Levingston and Frances Rhoden of Groesbeck, TX, Brenda Jackson and Elizabeth Gault of Portland, OR; nine grandchildren who respectfully called her "Granny": Mahogany Lewis (Alamogordo, NM), DonTrell Moore (Albuquerque, NM), Daniel and DeSean Rhoden (Groesbeck, TX), DonTa Bright (Amarillo, TX), Porcella McDonald (Lawton, OK), Cranston Horne (Albuquerque, NM); an adopted daughter and granddaughter: Marnie and Bria Sharpe of Columbia, MD; fifteen great-grandchildren who lovingly called her "Nana"; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends including her spiritual sons Prophet Rodney Barner of Clovis, NM and Elder Keith Jones of Albuquerque, NM.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. To those closest to her she will FOREVER be known as "Lady Di".

Events

OCT **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Chatman-Harris Funeral Home East
4210 Belair Road, Baltimore, MD, US, 21206

OCT **Service** 11:00AM

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Calvary Baptist Church
3911 Garrison Boulevard, Baltimore, MD, US, 21215

Comments



“ God saw you getting tired and a cure was not meant to be,
So he put his arms around you and whispered "Come to Me".
With tearful eyes I watched you,...as I saw you pass away.
Although I love you deeply, I could not make you stay.
Your Golden Heart stopped beating,hard working hands at rest.
God broke my heart to prove to me, He only takes the best.

Ebony - October 20, 2010 at 09:34 PM



“ My dear friend Diane, I will miss very much! She made a great impact upon my life.
Trying to comfort her she would always encourage me by something she said,
praising God in the midst of her suffering, or just being in her presence.
We had good times together from her bedside, even when she wasn't up to having
company. At the end of our visits, or telephone conversations she would not let me
leave her presence until she said "I love you." Diane was a great witness for the
Lord, even in the midst of her silence!
Words of encouragement from Diane: "God is good, I know the Lord is with me, my
faith is in God, I know He will work it out." My dear friend, I will miss you very much!
Diane was truly a gift from the Lord to me!

Johnnie Brewster - October 20, 2010 at 08:04 PM