



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

In this time of profound loss, we are deeply grateful for the outpouring of prayers, calls, and the heartfelt presence of all those who came to pay their respects.

Your love and support have brought solace to our hearts. Thank you.

## PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends

## FLOWER BEARERS

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## IN LOVING MEMORY OF



*Shirley Lois Williams Johnson*

NOVEMBER 5, 1941 — DECEMBER 1, 2023

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

ST MARK AME CHURCH

409 BRIDGE ST, SMITHFIELD, NC 27577



## REFLECTIONS

Shirley Lois Johnson, 82, made her journey home on Dec 1st, 2023, after a valiant fight at UNC Rex. She was surrounded by the love of her family, leaving behind cherished memories that will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and love her. Born in Smithfield, NC on November 5th, 1941, Shirley “Puddin” Johnson was the beloved daughter of Lucille Williams (Lipford) and Matthew Louis Williams. She attended C.H. Darden High School where she played the glockenspiel and successfully graduated in 1960. After graduating, she made her way to Newport News, VA where she started her family and became the proud mother of Tanya, Tony, Gregory, and Julius. After becoming widowed, she and her brood set off for her hometown of Smithfield, where she remained until she retired from Johnston Memorial Hospital. She exemplified dedication, tirelessly putting in effort to support and nurture her loved ones.

Preceding her in death was her son, Gregory Hill. Shirley is survived by her three children; Tanya Johnson of Apex, NC, Tony (Brandi) Johnson of Bushnell, FL, Julius Johnson of Raleigh, NC; and her sister, Ruth Hines of Charlotte, NC. She was a beacon of love and strength, guiding her family through life's joys and challenges. Shirley was a devoted grandmother and great-grandmother to a total of 22 cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren, each holding a special place in her heart. She was especially close to her granddaughters Demetria and Nickea and her great grandchildren, Nova and Rainbow.

Shirley's love, wisdom, kindness, EVERYTHING will be dearly missed and forever treasured. Her legacy of compassion, stories of resilience, and unwavering dedication to her family will live on through generations.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Invocation

Pastor Dorothy Richardson, Officiating

Prayer

Pastor Dorothy Richardson

Musical Selection

Jason Blake

Selection

Pastor Dorothy Richardson

Musical Tribute

Erick Crepsac

Artistic Tribute

Nickea Griffn Crepsac

Reflections

Closing Prayer

Recessional