



**Pall Bearers  
Nephews**

**Floral Bearers  
Nieces**

***I Made It Home***

*I just wanted to let you know that I made it home*



*Everything is so pretty here, so white, so fresh, so new. I wish that you could close your eyes so you could see it too.*

*Please try not to be sad for me. Try to understand. God is taking care of me.....I'm in the shelter of His hands.*



*Here there is no sadness, and no sorrow, and no pain. Here there is no crying, and I'll never hurt again.*

*Here it is so peaceful, when all the angels sing. I really have to go for now....I've just got to try my wings.*

*P.S. ... I'll be the first face you see when you get here!*



**Acknowledgements**

*The family wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation for the loving kindness shown during our time of bereavement. Your prayers, telephone calls, flowers, and visits have given us comfort. We are grateful for the outpouring of love and support shown.*



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# The Homegoing Celebration of



*Vivian*  
**Bryant Carpenter Shepherd**  
*March 28, 1941 - June 20, 2021*

**Shiloh Christian Church**  
211 Durham Street  
Smithfield, NC, 27577

**Saturday, June 26, 2021**  
Viewing: 11AM  
Service: 12 NOON



# Pastor DaQuan Deans, President

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Musical Selection.....Choir

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Francis Forte

Scriptures

Old Testament.....Elder Marie Watson

New Testament.....Elder Ronald Hinton

Musical Selection.....Choir

Remarks.....*2 Minutes Please*

Apostle Clarence Richardson

Bishop Curtis Reid

Siblings

Cousins

Denise Carpenter, *Daughter*

Grandchildren

Great-Grandchildren

Acknowledgements/Obituary.....Nadia Bryant

Solo.....Elder Antwan Jones

Eulogy.....Evangelist Otis Bryant

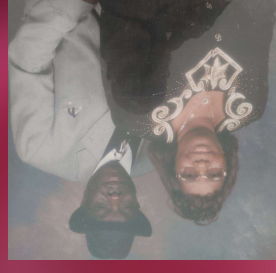
**Faith Tabernacle Christian Center, St. Paul, NC**

Mortician's Brief.....Sanders Funeral Home

Recessional

## INTERMENT

*Selma Memorial Gardens*  
Selma, NC, 27576



Vivian Bryant Carpenter Shepherd was born on March 28, 1941 to the late Willie Norman Bryant and Penina Campbell Bryant in Wayne County, NC. She departed this life on Sunday, June 20, 2021. She was preceded in death by her 1st husband, Willie Z. Carpenter, Sr., 5 siblings: Louise, Patty Sue, Sherrill, Wanda Faye, and Jerome, and 2 bonus children: Elmo Shepherd, Jr. and Kent Shepherd.

Following her education in the Johnston County school system, Vivian met and married the late Willie Carpenter, Sr. and in 1959 they moved to Brooklyn, NY. To this union four (4) children were born. In later years, she met and married Elmo Shepherd, joining her four (4) children with his seven (7) children.

Vivian worked with Champion Products in Wendell and Clayton, NC for 22 years, retiring in 1997.

She loved the Lord and was an active member of St. Mark Holy Church in Brooklyn, NY, serving on the Usher Board, until the family returned to Johnston County, NC in 1974. Upon her return, she was welcomed back to her childhood church, becoming an active member of Mt. Zion Bible Church of God in Princeton, NC. She later moved her membership to Gospel City Christian Deliverance Center in Raleigh, NC, and finally chose to make her membership with her husband in Selma, NC, at Holy Temple Church of God, Inc., serving on the Mother Board. Vivian was well known for making hospital visits, sharing a lifetime of knowledge and wisdom with prayer, an encouraging word, and a warm smile.

Vivian relished in shopping and was known for her fashion sense and could certainly wear a pair of heels. She delighted in being pampered, enjoying spa days, and always had her mani/pedi immaculately done. If you knew Vivian, you're aware she enjoyed grabbing a meal at Shoney's (before its closing) and getting a bite at the Waffle House. If you mentioned "let's go...", she was ready to shop and never minded stopping to eat.

She was a woman who loved to travel, with beach trips and visits with family most enjoyable. She was especially fond of trips to see family in the Washington, DC area, spending quality time with cousins, Gloria "Tote" Spratley, her road dog; Bernice Queen, her glamour twin; Ann Rawlings-Foster, her source of laughter.

Vivian leaves to cherish her memory: her beloved husband of 25 years, Elmo Shepherd; four (4) children: Charles Carpenter, Iris Smith (Johnny), Andrea Denise Carpenter, Willie Carpenter, Jr; one (1) special niece: Jennifer Bryant Jones; five siblings: Annette Bryant Clark, Mary Dudley, LaVern Reid (Curtis), Jean Bryant Carpenter, Jonnie B Bryant, Willie Norman Bryant, Jr., Dwight Bryant (Adell); 34 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, 12 great great-grandchildren; 7 sisters-in-law; 3 brothers-in-law; 2 Godchildren; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

*Obituary*