



What a comfort...

For us to know that our burden of grief
was shared by our family & friends.

Thank You



Berry Funeral Home
& CREMATORY

PO BOX 1108 - 1265 WASHINGTON HIGHWAY
ELBERTON, GEORGIA 30635
PHONE (706) 283-5142
FAX (706) 213-1413
WEBSITE: www.berryfh.com
EMAIL: berryfh30635@yahoo.com



In Loving Memory of

Shirley Ruth Blackmon Anderson

June 18, 1935 - October 18, 2023



Therefore we are

always
confident

knowing that,
whilst we are at home in the body,
we are absent from the Lord.
(For we walk by faith & not by sight.)

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be

absent from the body:
and to be present with the Lord

Wherefore we labor that,
whether present or absent, we may be

accepted
of Him

- II Corinthians 5:6-9

Funeral Service

11 o'clock in the morning
Saturday, October 21, 2023
Believers Baptist Church

Officiating

Mr. Jeremy Dotson

Interment

Forest Hills Memorial Park

Contributions

Believers Baptist Church
89 Clairmont Avenue
Elberton, Georgia 30635

A Service of
Berry Funeral Home
Elberton, Georgia

Honor *Loving Memory*

On Wednesday morning, October 18, 2023, while in the comfort of her Middleton, Georgia home and surrounded by the love of family, Mrs. Shirley Ruth Blackmon Anderson entered into the sweet presence of Jesus. She was 88 years old.

Born in Elberton on June 18, 1935, Shirley was one of nine children. The family moved back and forth between Stone Mountain and Elberton while her father, who was a sculptor at present day Stone Mountain Park, worked in the granite industry at both places.

She married her beloved husband, Joel Harris Anderson, in 1952, and they became the proud parents of Joel Harris Anderson, Jr. (1953-2000) and Donna Cheryl Anderson (1956-2023).

Shirley was employed at Elberton Manufacturing Company for many years where she worked as a seamstress. Her love of sewing continued throughout her life and she used her talents to make many clothes for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Later in life, after Little Joel suffered an accident, Shirley returned to school to become a Licensed Practical Nurse to better care of him. In 1976, she graduated from Elbert County Vocational School of Nursing, and began a second career. She worked at the Medical Center of Elberton for many years, using her unique ability of serving and caring for others all along the way.

Shirley loved the Lord dearly, and served him in every way she could. She was proud to be a charter member of Believers Baptist Church, where she worshipped faithfully. It was her faith in Jesus Christ that saw her through the deaths of her beloved husband and both of her dear children.

Always serving and caring for others, just like Jesus did, she served as a Little League coach for many years. Affectionately known as "Grandma" or "Miss Shirley", she never missed the opportunity to spend time and support her family and those she loved dearly. Her family awarded her the title of "Best Cook Ever!" and she was most famous for her strawberry cake.

Although saddened, we rejoice in knowing that she is at the feet of Jesus and reunited with her parents, Milton Edward Blackmon, Sr. and Myrtle Naoba Hewell Blackmon; husband, Joel Harris Anderson, Sr.; son, Joel Harris Anderson, Jr.; daughter, Donna Cheryl Anderson Rucker; and siblings: Bill, Edward, Jerry, Norman, Danny, Regina, and Elaine.

She leaves behind her sister, Martha Sue King; grandchildren: Kristen and Ryan Albertson, Jennifer and Jeremy Partain, Rico and Hannah Martinez, Andrea and Jason Marlow, Jay and Corbin Anderson, and Ross Anderson; daughter-in-law, Pat Vaughn Anderson; son-in-law, Henry Rucker; twelve great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.