

Homegoing Celebration

For

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

1st Lady Wanda Atkinson | Mother Jacquelyn Ates | Sister Barbara Blue
Evangelist Katie Mizell | Apostle Virginia Jackson | Apostle Barbara Howard
Minister Linda McDuffie | Sister Jacquelyn Hutchinson | Minister Bera Samuel
Sister Barbara Smith | Evangelist Gwen Weston | Apostle Julie Berry

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Family

FLOWER BEARERS

Friends of the Family

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

When it seemed that our loss was too great to bear, we looked up and our friends were there; with flowers and cards, words written and spoken, with smiling faces and hearts open. We sincerely appreciate the thoughtfulness of our family and friends for their many acts of kindness, remembering us in our hour of sorrow with many prayers, words, thoughts, deeds, and all expressions of sympathy. Keep us in your prayers as we will keep you in ours. God bless.

- The Family

INTERMENT

Douglas City Cemetery
1623 North Gaskin Ave.
Douglas, Georgia 31533

REPAST

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
605 E. Ross Street
Douglas, Georgia 31533



SHIRLEY JOHNSON PORTER

SUNRISE: APRIL 20, 1947 SUNSET: DECEMBER 21, 2021

Thursday, December 30, 2021
2:30 PM

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
Douglas, Georgia 31533
Bishop Larry Atkinson, Eulogist

THE LIFE & LEGACY

*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

A Time to Be Born:

Shirley was born April 20, 1947, to the late Edward "Monkey" Paulk and Earnestine Johnson Williamson in Douglas, Georgia.

A Time To Love:

At the age of twelve, Shirley met Willie "Rush" Williams on October 31, 1959. Shirley and Willie were married on December 31, 1966. Upon this union, five children were born. As years passed, Shirley moved to Waycross, Georgia, where she met Leo Porter. Shirley and Leo were joined in Holy Matrimony in October 1979.

A Time to Plant:

Shirley joined Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in 1967 and was a deaconess under Pastor J.D. Crawford. After moving to Waycross, she moved her membership to Friendship Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor J.N. Williams and Pastor Jonathan Dixon, where she served as a senior usher and pastor's aide. In March 1984, Shirley accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and moved her membership to Faith of God in November 1984 under the leadership of Pastor Larry Atkinson. At Faith of God Church, she served as an usher and children's youth director. Shirley was ordained as a minister at Faith of God Church in 2002. Minister Shirley served as a minister and president of women with a call at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Steve King. In 1996, Shirley opened her home for bible study with Bishop Larry Atkinson. In 2006, The Walking by Faith in God Ministry were birthed with Bishop Larry Atkinson as the pastor. Shirley was licensed as a minister and church administrator.

ORDER OF SERVICE

President, Minister Aaron Atkinson

Processional.....Ministers and Family

Final Glimpse

Invocation.....Prophetess Latresa Burch

Selection.....F.O.G. & W.B.F. Choir

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Minister Brenda Floyd

New Testament.....Minister Katie Mizell

Reflections.....Please Limit 2 Minutes Please

Anyone Desiring to Speak

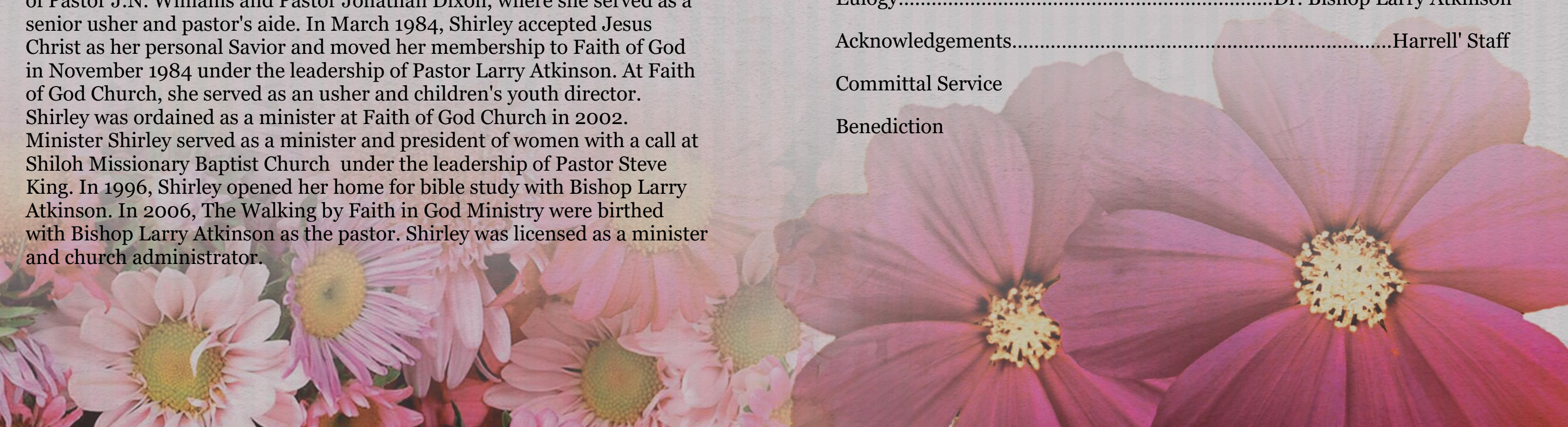
Selection.....F.O.G. & W.B.F Choir

Eulogy.....Dr. Bishop Larry Atkinson

Acknowledgements.....Harrell' Staff

Committal Service

Benediction



I AM MY MOTHER'S DAUGHTERS

I am my mother's daughter, the light that shines in her eyes.
And now that light is gone, all I do is cry.

I am my mother's daughter, from the lessons you taught me in life.
You were always there for me in happiness and in strife.

I am my mother's daughter, I inherited my strengths from you.
I know that life's a struggle, I know the pain you went through.

I am my mother's daughter, you taught me wrong from right.
You taught me when to bend, or when to stand up and fight.

I am my mother's daughter, we struggled just to survive.
I wouldn't of changed a thing, we knew what it meant to be alive

I am my mother's daughter, I truly know of unconditional love
I can even feel it now, as you look down on us from above.

I am my mother's daughter, your wisdom has been instilled in me
I wish that you were still here, but now your truly free

I am my mother's daughter, your loving heart, your fiery rage
your resilience inspires me, and your memories will remain

I am my mother's daughter, and through me you will live eternally
I will share your love through my children and the generations for all eternity

I am my mother's daughter, but your death has left me feeling alone
I will never see your pretty face again or hear your sweet voice on my phone

I am my mother's daughter, and I know you don't want me to be sad
you would want me to reflect on all the love and all the good times that we had

I am my mother's daughter, I'll stay strong, because I'm relied upon
I am the matriarch now, I have your legacy to carry on.

I love you mom

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A Time to Work:

She began her career in 1967 with the Coffee County Board of Education as a teacher's aide at Carver High School. Mrs. Porter attended Tuskegee, Alabama Institute and became a head start teacher at Concerted Services. She was employed by the Waycross Board of Education as title I reading teacher's aide. Shirley was the owner and director of Porter's Play School Day Care Center. Later, she became employed with the Coffee County D.F.C.S, Coffee County Health Department, and Coffee County Commissioner Office as an executive director of Mary Hayes Center from 1995-1997. She open the Boys and Girls Home for W.R.Y.D.C. and Home for Women Out of Prison. She was the founder/director of Stepping Stone Outreach Ministry at Walking By Faith Church in 2011.

A Time To Die:

Shirley fought a good fight and she keep the faith, as a Godley Solider. "Father, unto thy hands, I commit my spirit." "It is finished" She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Paulk and Earnestine Johnson Williamson; a daughter, Pamela Williams; a son, Jonathan Williams; grandmother, Minnie Johnson Edwards; two grandsons, Greg King Jr., and Gabriel Douglas; a very loving and devoted husband, Leo A. Porter.

A Time To Cherish:

She leaves to cherish her memories: three daughters: Sharon (Mario) Glover, Melvinia (Rodney) Douglas, and Dinitra Michelle Williams; six grandchildren: Brittany Williams, De'Andrea Douglas, Calvin Coates Jr., Gabriel Douglas, Aaliyah Winborn, and Tevin Glover; ten great-grandchildren; friend for more than over sixty years: Jackie Harris Hutchinson; friends for more than thirty-five years: 1st Lady Wanda Atkinson, Apostle Virginia Jackson, and Apostle Barbara Howard; friends of over twenty years Barbara Blue; and a host of cousins and friends.

To God Be The Glory For All The Things He Have Done.

Amen, Amen, Amen

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR GRANDMOTHER

If Roses grow in Heaven
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my Mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.

Tell her that I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile.

Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
but there's an ache within my heart
that will never go away.

Your Grandchildren

REMEMBER ME

Remember me with smiles not tears,
For all the joy through all the years.
Recall the closeness that was ours
A Cove as "sweet" as fragrant flowers
Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain
We'll see each other once again,
I am at peace...try to believe,
It was my time....I had to leave
But "what a view," I have from here
I see your face, I feel you near,
I follow you throughout the day,
You're not alone along the way,
And when God calls you.... you will be,
Right by my side.....right here with me,
Tilt then, I'll wait by the heaven's door
We'll be united...evermore!

PRECIOUS MEMORIES

