

# Memory of



# Colson

## Active Pallbearers

Nephews

## Honorary Pallbearers

Atkinson County High School Class of 1966

## Interment

Pearson City Cemetery  
101 Pearson City Cemetery Road  
Pearson, Georgia 31642

## Repast

Willacoochee House of Deliverance Church Social Hall  
235 Old Florida Road  
Willacoochee, Georgia 31650

## Acknowledgments

Shirley will be deeply missed, but forever remembered for her kind heart, dedication to her family, students, and her pride in her heritage. Shirley's (Bithyah) legacy of love, kindness, and pride in our heritage will continue to inspire us all. We are deeply grateful for the overwhelming outpouring of love and support from the community, strangers, coworkers, family, and friends during this difficult time.

\*\*A special celebration of Shirley's life will be held in Atlanta later for her metro area family, friends, and cohorts. \*\*

*-The Family*

*Final Arrangements Entrusted To:*



HARRELL'S FUNERAL HOME  
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# In Loving Memory

Sunrise: March 16, 1948  
Sunset: July 19, 2024

PEARSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM  
563 N King Street  
Pearson, GA 31642

Bishop Warren Manley, Presiding  
Elder Cory Holland, Eulogist

Saturday, July 27, 2024  
11:00 AM



# Shirley



# Lide Reflections

# Precious Memories

# Order of Service

Shirley Ann (Bithyah) Colson, a beloved mother, sister, aunt, friend, grandmother, and teacher, passed away peacefully on July 19, 2024, at Northside Hospital.

Born on March 16, 1948, in Pearson, Georgia, Shirley was proud of her heritage, embracing and celebrating her Anaszi roots throughout her life. Her deep connection to her ancestry was a source of strength and inspiration, shaping her values and the way she lived. Her pride in her heritage instilled a sense of cultural identity and belonging in those around her. After high school, Shirley attended school in Spokane, Washington, and she dedicated her career to education, where she was known for her patience, understanding, and unwavering commitment to her students (special needs students). She inspired countless young minds, encouraging them to pursue their dreams to believe in themselves. Shirley recently rededicated her life to Christ on April 28th and was baptized June 8, 2024.

Her family was the center of her world. As a mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, and friend, Shirley filled her loved one's lives with love, wisdom, and joy. Her home was a place of warmth and laughter, where everyone felt welcome and cherished. Shirley was a beacon of kindness and generosity in her community. She volunteered her time and resources to various causes, always eager to help those in need. Her compassionate nature and dedication to service left a legacy, which is evident by friends, neighbors, and acquaintances and others calling her "Big Mama."

Shirley was preceded in death by her Parents: Walter, and Earnestine Colson; Brothers: Larry Colson, Ulysses Colson, Herman Colson, and her sister: Sherry Colson.

She is survived by her Children: Kevin (Octavia), Karl (Arlisa), Kandi, Kenrick, Ophrah (Jose), and Yeshua; nine Grandchildren and nine Great Grandchildren; Brothers and Sisters: Walter Colson Jr.; Jerry Colson; Willis (Cathy) Colson; Angelo (Sharon) Colson; Mary Lynn Favors; O'Shawn Chandler; Michael Smith; Sister-n-Laws: Charlotte Colson and Sheila McGlocking. Special Nieces and Nephews: Sylvia (Waren), Mario and Joel and Close Cousin: Brian Colson, and a large host of family, friends and loved ones.



- Bishop Warren Manley, Presiding
- Processional.....Ministers and Family
- Final Glimpse
- Invocation.....Bishop Warren Manley
- Selection.....Apostle Shelia McGlocking
- Scripture Readings:
  - Old Testament.....Natalie Colson
  - New Testament.....Natalie Colson
- Selection.....Tom Coleman
- Reflections.....Please Limit To Two Minutes
  - As a Classmate.....Rev. Betty Drayton-Williams
  - Anyone Desiring to Speak
- Selection.....Tom Coleman
- Eulogy.....Elder Cory Holland
- Acknowledgments.....Harell's Funeral Home Staff
- Committal Service
- Benediction

## 2 Timothy 4: 7-8

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:  
8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.