

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

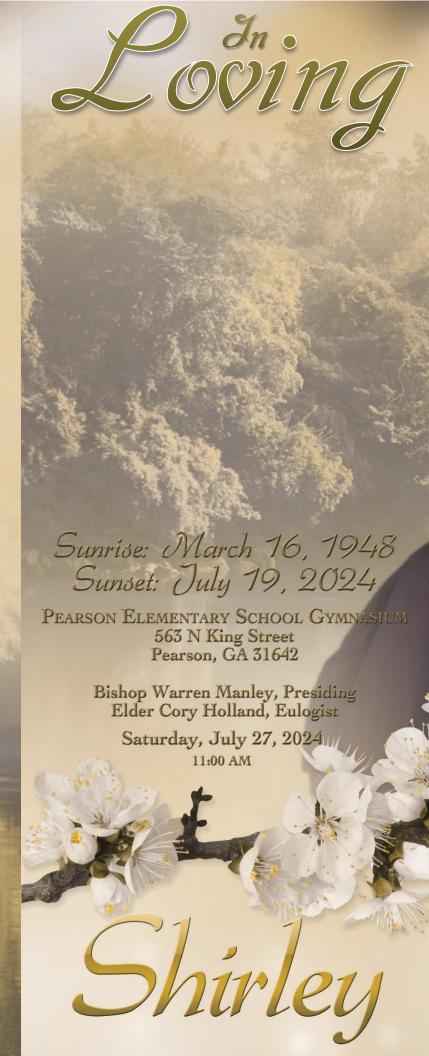
Shirley will be deeply missed, but forever remembered for her kind heart, dedication to her family, students, and her pride in her heritage. Shirley's (Bithyah) legacy of love, kindness, and pride in our heritage will continue to inspire us all. We are deeply grateful for the overwhelming outpouring 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:





Lide Reflections

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.

Precious Memories



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.

Order of Service

Bishop Warren Manley, Presiding
ProcessionalMinisters and Family
Final Glimpse
InvocationBishop Warren Manley
SelectionApostle Shelia McGlocking
Scripture Readings:
Old TestamentNatalie Colson
New TestamentNatalie Colson
SelectionTom Coleman
ReflectionsPlease Limit To Two Minutes
As a ClassmateRev. Betty Drayton-Williams
Anyone Desiring to Speak
SelectionTom Coleman
EulogyElder Cory Holland
AcknowledgmentsHarell's Funeral Home Staff

Committal Service

Benediction