

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path that God laid for me.
I took His hand when heard him call.
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love
To work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that place at the close of the day. If my parting
Has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship
shared a laugh a kiss, oh yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full. I savored much,
good friends, good times a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Don't Lengthen now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now. He set me free.

Honorary Pallbearers

**Kenneth Pride Sr. Kenneth Pride II
John Pride Archie Hollins
Elliott Hollins**

Reserved Pallbearers

Anthony Robinson Quan Robins Jermaine Russell

**Flower Bearers
Family and Friends**

Acknowledgements:

The family of Shirley Robinson, would like to take this time out to thank everyone for your love and support shown to them during their time of bereavement. May God bless you.

Arrangements Entrusted To:

**R. A. Prince Funeral Services
16222 Broadway Avenue ♦ Maple Heights, Ohio 44137
Phone: 216-518-1777 ♦ Fax: 216-518-1975
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*In Loving Memory
Of
Shirley Robinson*



**Sunrise
November 5, 1939**

**Sunset
July 24, 2020**

Friday, July 31, 2020

Wake: 1:00 PM

Funeral: 1:30 PM

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Rev. Kenny Rogers, Officiating Ministers

Order of Service

- Musical Prelude.....Bishop Darnell Knox
- Processional.....Minister and Family
- Scriptures of Comfort.....Pastor Kenny Rogers
- Prayers.....Pastor Kenneth Rogers
- Solo....."When You Hear Of My Homegoing".....Virgie Bradford
- Resolutions and Acknowledgment.....Stacey Taylor
- Words of Comfort
Shirley Dillard, Carmen Butler
Elliott Hollins, Jennifer Pride, Archie Hollins
& Gale M. Pride.
- Obituary.....Stacey Taylor
- Solo....."Precious Lord".....Jami Taylor
- Poem.....Jasmine Pride
- Eulogy.....Rev. Kenny Rogers
- Recessional.....The Family

Interment:
Thursday, August 6, 2020
10:00 AM
Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery
Rittman, OH

Obituary

On November 5, 1939 Archie L. Hollins and Johnnie Ivory Hollins welcomed their first daughter, Shirley. Born in Tate County, Mississippi. Shirley was the eldest daughter. Soon the couple welcomed their 2nd daughter Peggy. Shortly after the couple moved from Mississippi to Ohio and welcomed their third daughter, Juanita "Missy". Uncle Archie is the youngest and only son.

In her early years, Shirley attended Cleveland Public Schools. Shirley was always well known and popular in school. While attending High school, she was introduced to her first love and future husband, Kenneth Thomas Pride, Sr., from their union they were blessed with four children, Kenneth Thomas Pride Jr., John Lee Pride, Rita Elizabeth Moore and Gale Marie Pride. They divorced and Shirley remarried to William "Jill" Edward Robinson until his death in 1996. With their union the family grew and she welcomed three stepdaughters, Linda, Marsha and Wendy.

A faithful servant of God, she was baptized and a devoted Christian. She was a long time member of Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Becoming a member in 1975. Working as a willing worker for the church and outside the community. She remained a member until her death.

While raising a family, Shirley was actively involved in politics. She was a Street Club President for Invermere West Street Club. After presiding as Street Club President, she set her eyes on another political challenge. She ran for the Precinct Ward Council and won. Politics would always be important to her. From an early age she became a Poll worker at her local voter precinct and continued being a poll worker for almost 50 years.

Shirley's career began at Tom Sink's furniture store in downtown Cleveland. Soon thereafter, she accepted a sales clerk position with May Company department store. Working her way from sales clerk to a Customer Service Supervisor and eventually becoming May Company's first black female furniture buyer. Her final position with May Company was a promoter for the Cultural Arts (The Cleveland Ballet Co.) While working for the Ballet, she introduced her grandchildren and relatives, to the Ballet, by taking them each year to see the Nutcracker. After her job with May Company was phased out, she found herself unemployed after 24 years of dedication. This did not stop Shirley's determination. She decided to learn how to be a travel agent. Becoming a traveling agent and the progressing to a travel consultant, she began to find her calling. Working for Tradewind Travels, Unglobe Travels and Professional Travel. At first she started booking small individual reservations and progressed to large group bookings. Most of us remember her semi annual shopping trips to Columbus, Ohio, and the Amish Country. Everyone looked forward and enjoyed Shirley's shopping trips. Traveling became second nature to Shirley. Majority of her trips she was accompanied by her companion, Fred Thomas. They were taking trips all over the world and even traveling on the Concord Jet to UK, and returning on the newly christened ship Queen Elizabeth II. At one point, she handled Drew Carey's (Host of the Price is Right) mother's reservations.

At the time, her family was growing adding to her legacy. Welcoming many grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed spending time with her entire family. Being family oriented, she was one of the founding members of the JonSara's Family Club and the Hollins Conley Family Reunion. She was an active member until her illness.

Family oriented, loved by all family and friends, she never met a stranger. Anyone she encountered, instantly became her friend. Her legacy, of love, family and friends will continue to be part of all of us. Her contagious smile, kind spirit, loving heart will be remembered forever. Preceding her in death her father, Archie L. Hollins, mother Johnnie Ivory Hollins, her husband, William E. Robinson, sister: Juanita Taylor, stepdaughter, Linda Russell, brothers-in-law, Calvin Knox and Craig Fogle.

She is survived by her children: Kenneth (Deborah) T. Pride, Sr., John (Sandy) L. Pride, Rita (David) E. Moore, Gale M. Pride, Marsha Robinson and Wendy Robinson her sisters: Peggy Knox, Beverly Fogle and her brothers, Archie (Cherie) L. Hollins, Jeff Fogle and Wendell Hollins. Many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.