



Ms. Shirley Meeks

July 31, 1970 - February 22, 2024

Shirley LaVera Meeks, was born on July 31, 1970 at Highland Park Memorial Hospital, to the union of LeVan D. Meeks, Sr. and Bobbie J. Meeks. She is the 5th child of LeVan D. Meeks and Bobbie J. Meeks and grew up alongside 7 siblings. She was a shining light of generosity and selflessness in the lives of all who knew her. We remember her favorite sayings like “we tend to our own”, “God is great!, What do you need? I got you.” And she meant that. Her passing on February 22, 2024, in Detroit, MI has left a void in the hearts of her family and dearest friends. Our hearts are broken as we do not say farewell but bye for now knowing that we will see you again.

Shirley went to Parker Elementary and Mann Elementary. She went to Drew Middle School where her teachers realized that she was a gifted Mathematician. She graduated in 1988 from Mackenzie High School and went on to attend Wayne State University where she majored in Computer Science. She received her Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. She was an entrepreneur having her own Network business for many years working with Jireh Financial and other businesses.

She was life-long resident of Detroit, MI, but traveled a lot with friends. Her life was full of family, good friends, hobbies like photography, poetry and lyric writing. Shirley’s beautiful and generous spirit touched everyone she met. She always gave cheerfully whether money, time, warming gloves and blankets to the homeless, or a listening ear to help anyone, with wise advice and counsel. Even when she was diagnosed with cancer in 2008. She underwent surgery

and a round of chemotherapy. She lost all of her hair but when her eyelashes and brows fell into a bowl of cereal, she just laughed it off and said, did that just happen? Chelle said yes it did and got her another bowl of cereal. Chelle shaved her head in solidarity. She remained cancer free for the next 16 years. The Devil is a liar!

Then she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2012. She continued to work for Blue Cross and Blue Shield for 11 years. They were blessed to have her, and she was so happy to work with the professionals she both managed and worked side by side with. She was a gifted photographer who lived behind the camera taking family or scenic photos. She had a great sense of humor but a directness that was refreshing. She would read and read to teach herself how to do things like running her own electricity. She would always say, you just need the right tools. She took mom's saying of if anyone else can do it so can we. Because of her Kita picked up a trowel and laid her own bathroom tile. She was known for staying classic sharp and wearing the hippest sweetest eye wear. From driving her Grand Am, Blazer, and favorite red Honda Accord, to her current grey Honda---she was a trend setter. Even in that it never went to her head. She remained humble and would always say God blessed me to be a blessing. And my Lord she was!

After more than 10 yearlong battle with Multiple Sclerosis, she succumbed to it on February 22, 2024, at the age of 53.

In 2022, Kevin Williams, her baby brother preceded her in death. Shirley is survived by her devoted parents LeVan D. Meeks Sr. and Bobbie J. Meeks; her step mother Brenda Meeks, her adoring siblings: Mr. & Mrs. LeVan D. Meeks, Jr, Wanda Meeks, Markita Meeks, Kimberly Kendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Damon Smith, Lachelle Meeks. She was so proud of her nieces and nephews: Elizabeth Gaddis, Mark L. Meeks, Mical Meeks, Ajai Meeks, Dr. Ariel Walker, Lorelle Meeks, Demi Smith, Aiden Meeks, Ramoni Meeks, Sidney Smith, Caleb Williams, Kevin Williams, Jr, Keanna Williams, Kevion Williams, Michael Douglass (more like her son). She loved a multitude of aunts, uncles, cousins: Bonnie Owens, Melissa Meeks, Yolita Arrington, Anita Copeland, Lomita

Arrington, Annie Stevenson, Marcus Meeks, Calvin Meeks Jr, Uncle Melvin Meeks, Uncle Calvin Meeks, Uncle Kevin Nesbit, Uncle Tyronza Nesbit, Eugene Meeks, Debbie Wade (another mom). Dear friends: Anthony Jackson and family, Natalie Henderson, adored and lifelong family friends Sharon Boyd, Elizabeth Bursey, Dawn Woodson. To anyone not mentioned please charge it to our heads and not our hearts at this difficult time.

Shirley loved deep and hard. She always would say do you need anything. I'm here if you need anything. She made this world a better place in so many ways like mentoring Yolita, LaChelle, Eugene, and Mical to go into the Network or Computer Science field. Inspiring each to have a career not just a job. Always giving cheerfully and generously. We miss her now, but she accepted Jesus as her Lord. She believed he had even when she could no longer walk. She talked with him and was waiting for him to not leave her here trapped in a body that no longer responded to her. He loaned her to us for a short time but on February 22, 2024 he personally came and got her. Beloved we shall see her again.

Previous Events

Visitation

Monday, Mar. **4.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Tuesday, Mar. **5.** 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
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Celebration of Life

Tuesday, Mar. **5.** 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AB

“ Shirley and her beautiful family was my neighbors for many years. Praying for her siblings and Ms Bobbi.

Angela Bride-Lindsey - March 05, 2024 at 10:16 PM

GP

“ Shirley, you will be missed at Blue Cross. You had the best smile, laugh and stories about your sweet family. My heart and prayers go out the whole Meeks family.

Gina Marie Pauley - March 05, 2024 at 03:43 PM

KM

“ Shirley was a fantasy and supportive friend. I will continue to keep family and friends in prayer.

Karin McCullom - March 05, 2024 at 11:13 AM

SO

“ I am so sad to hear this, Shirley you were an amazing woman. To the Meeks family you have my heartfelt condolences.
-Sonia

Sonia - March 05, 2024 at 09:55 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Shirley Meeks.



March 05, 2024 at 09:30 AM

JC

“ Sending prayers, love and condolences❤️

Coach Jan Chapman-Sanders



Jan chapman-sanders - March 05, 2024 at 08:45 AM

EC

“ Evan C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Shirley Meeks.

Evan C. - March 04, 2024 at 04:05 PM

SP

“ Sherri P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Shirley Meeks.

Sherri P. - March 04, 2024 at 01:19 PM

WO

“ With heartfelt sympathy, Wendy Overton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ms. Shirley Meeks.



With heartfelt sympathy, Wendy Overton - March 04, 2024 at 12:00 PM

JM

“ RIP Shirley! My deepest condolences to the family.

Jennifer Meeks - March 04, 2024 at 11:53 AM

JM

“ Jennifer Meeks lit a candle in memory of Shirley Meeks



Jennifer Meeks - March 04, 2024 at 11:52 AM

MF

“ Martha and Ben Frazier lit a candle in memory of Shirley Meeks



Martha Sherman and Ben Frazier - March 04, 2024 at 11:26 AM

MF

“ The Frazier family would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Meeks family on the passing of their loved one. You are in our prayers. We love you and will be here for you always.

Martha Sherman and Ben Frazier - March 04, 2024 at 11:25 AM

JL

“ Johnny, Lisa and Olivia Lunsford purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Shirley Meeks.



Johnny, Lisa and Olivia Lunsford - March 04, 2024 at 10:23 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ms. Shirley Meeks.*



March 03, 2024 at 12:07 PM



“ *Shirley, I will miss our downtown lunch trips especially our late taco Tuesdays before the pandemic. Whenever we walked downtown anytime we saw a displaced person, Shirley would take to time to ask the person if they were hungry and would buy them a meal before we ate every single time. I will miss our long talks about work, family, love, and just life itself. I will miss hearing you talk about how much you loved your family and your fur baby. I will miss hearing your voice and your laugh. Thank you for always being authentic Shirley and a beautiful friend to me. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with the Meeks family. Praying for the family's strength, peace, comfort, and healing during this time.*



Danielle Major - March 03, 2024 at 11:11 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ms. Shirley Meeks.*



March 02, 2024 at 07:58 PM

MM

“ Mike Moore planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Shirley Meeks.

Mike Moore - March 02, 2024 at 07:58 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Shirley Meeks.



March 01, 2024 at 11:11 PM

EM

“ Ernest Moore planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Shirley Meeks.

Ernest Moore - March 01, 2024 at 11:11 PM

LM

“ To the Family of Shirley Meeks - Praying for you during the difficult time. Please know that God is your comforter, and he will comfort and give you peace and understanding. Your loved one is at peace, and your memories will live on forever in your hearts. It is with deepest sympathy and condolences for your loss.



Linda McBryde - March 01, 2024 at 03:07 PM

LM

“ Linda McBryde lit a candle in memory of Shirley Meeks



Linda McBryde - March 01, 2024 at 02:56 PM

AF

“ Angela Williams and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Shirley Meeks.



Angela Williams and Family - February 29, 2024 at 03:36 PM

EP

“ Emma P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Shirley Meeks.

Emma P. - February 29, 2024 at 11:12 AM

EW

“ Prayers for the family . We lost a sweet ,funny friend. We bought a tree in honor of you Shirley so your memories with live and keep growing . Miss you dearly, Eddie and Christel Williams

Eddie and Christel Williams - February 29, 2024 at 07:49 AM

CW

“ Christel W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Shirley Meeks.

Christel W. - February 29, 2024 at 07:36 AM

UF

“ Uncle Milton & all of Family! purchased the Full O f Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Shirley Meeks.



Uncle Milton & all of Family! - February 28, 2024 at 06:25 PM

CC

“ Cousin Alice and Charlie purchased the Simply E legant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Shirley Meeks.



Cousin Alice and Charlie - February 28, 2024 at 12:44 PM

CC

“ Cousin Alice and Charlie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Shirley Meeks.

Cousin Alice and Charlie - February 28, 2024 at 12:44 PM

MM

“ It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to Shirley, a friend whose kindness, listening ear, and radiant smile brightened my days. Her passing has left me deeply saddened and shocked. My thoughts and love are with her family as they navigate this difficult time. Mical, please know that I am here for you. If you need anything, don't hesitate to reach out.



With heartfelt condolences, Marcia Mangold

Marcia Mangold - February 28, 2024 at 09:30 AM