



Shirley Ann Govan

February 1, 1946 - April 18, 2025

Shirley Govan, 79, of Chattanooga, gained her wings and transitioned to her eternal home on Friday, April 18, 2025, in Nashville, Tennessee. She was born on February 1, 1946, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina to the late Cleo (Andrew) McGriff and Clerance Govan.

Shirley attended Atkins High School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. In 1964, she relocated to Chattanooga, Tennessee and started working at Mymos Hosiery Mill to support her family. She maintained employment for 30 years. After her departure from Mymos, she began working at Caldsted, where she worked for 28 years until personal health issues led to her retirement.

At an early age, Shirley accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and joined First Baptist Church in Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. Her dedication to Christ inspired her to become a servant to the community by spreading God's message through fellowship at church events, bible study, and Sunday services. Her eagerness to learn more about God's word led her to a new church that she considered home, and that was, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, where she was a faithful servant of the Lord.

Shirley, as she was affectionately known, was a bright light for all who had the honor of getting to know her. Her journey on Earth was marked by love, compassion, family, and her unwavering faith in God. Her passing has left a void in the hearts of her family, friends, and many more whose lives were

touched by her presence. We ask that you remember her smile and the joy she had in her eyes as she lived daily, knowing that God was always with her.

Shirley was preceded in death by her mother Cleo (Andrew) McGriff, and Clerance Govan of Winston-Salem, NC. She is survived by her brother, Michael Govan of Washington, DC; sister, Emily McGriff of Winston-Salem NC.

Shirley leaves behind cherished memories of her five children, Jassmaine (Donnie) Govan Calloway, Joseph (Sharon) Govan, Jacqueline Govan, Sherry (Tyrus) Smith, and Jerome Jackson, all of Chattanooga; niece, Dyamond (Kiah) Fletcher of Washington DC; nephews, Michael Govan, Jr. of Washington DC and Delander Simmon of Winston-Salem, NC; grandchildren, Lester Lyle, Christy James, both of Chattanooga, Joia Govan of Atlanta, GA, Joshualyn Woods, Jamal Govan, both of Nashville, TN, Brandon Jackson, Tynesha Smith, both of Chattanooga, Jasmine Woods of Atlanta, Montrell Tucker, and Anwoine Calloway, both of Chattanooga; a host of 26 great-grandchildren; special cousins, Janice Burrows, Betty Collins, Melanie Koon, and Joyce Alexander; beloved friends, Linda Weaver, Patricia (Herbert) Gray, and First Lady Lansden.

Shirley will lie-in-state on Sunday, May 4, 2025, from 12:30-5:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Monday, May 5, 2025, at 12 noon at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Todd Lansden as the Eulogist. Burial in Lakewood Memory Gardens, East.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memory Gardens East

4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

MAY 4. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Funeral Service

MAY 5. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
901 GW Davis Drive
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1093

Burial

MAY 5. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Lakewood Memory Gardens East
4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Tribute Wall

CL

“ We Brainerd High Lunch Gang send our Peace Lily and Love to you in this time of need. We Love you Sherry and Family

cynthia lattimore - May 05, 2025 at 09:45 AM

CL

“ Cynthia Lattimore lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Govan



Cynthia Lattimore - May 05, 2025 at 09:37 AM

CL

A Flower for a Beautiful Flower. Ms. Shirley, you have always been God's given Light. RIP. Love, Cynthia

Cynthia Lattimore - May 05, 2025 at 09:39 AM

TF

“ The Lyle Family purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Shirley Ann Govan.



The Lyle Family - May 04, 2025 at 09:35 AM

WC

“ *My Condolences to the family, Sorry for your loss.*



Winifred Careathers - May 03, 2025 at 04:08 PM

PG

“ *Condolences from the staff of Eastwood Manor Apartments. Ms. Shirley will be greatly missed in our community.*



Phyllis Gore - May 02, 2025 at 08:24 AM

FH

“ *From Constance Hunter purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shirley Ann Govan.*



From Constance Hunter - May 01, 2025 at 09:00 PM

TF

“ *The Bryson Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Shirley Ann Govan.*



The Bryson Family - May 01, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Govan.*



April 30, 2025 at 11:37 AM



“ *Brenda Drake lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Govan*



Brenda Drake - April 28, 2025 at 06:15 PM



Sending condolences and prayers to the Family, sorry for your loss, I always picture people that have passed away sitting at the feet of our Lord and Savior, it helps to calm me down and helps me find some peace,

Brenda Drake - April 28, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ *I worked with Shirley, got to know her and love her. I will miss her greatly.*

Linda Weaver - April 27, 2025 at 09:42 PM



“ *Momma Govan was a beautiful person with a beautiful spirit. I love her, and she will be missed. Sis. Penny Evans. ❤️*

Penny Evans - April 27, 2025 at 07:44 AM

DW

“ *Sending our Deepest Condolences Sylvester Ware Jr and Darlene Sewell Ware*



Darlene Sewell Ware - April 26, 2025 at 05:26 PM

RT

“ *robert thornton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shirley Ann Govan.*



robert thornton - April 26, 2025 at 04:09 PM

RT

“ *robert thornton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Ann Govan.*

robert thornton - April 26, 2025 at 04:09 PM

JT

“ *For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son and who so ever believe in him shall not perish but have ever lasting life. You mother have ever lasting g life. Jacque*

Jacquelyn Tankersley - April 26, 2025 at 02:54 PM

FL

“ *Felicia Lansden lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Govan*



Felicia Lansden - April 26, 2025 at 09:46 AM

FL

Momma Govan was something special!!!! One of a kind. I'm going to miss her tremendously. So blessed she was a part of my life.

Felicia Lansden - April 26, 2025 at 09:49 AM

DI

“ *To Mrs. Sherry and Coach Ty. We love you all, Keeping you in our prayers.
Love the Dancing Diamonds.*

Diamonds - April 25, 2025 at 05:31 PM

CR

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the Govan family.*

Carla Richardson - April 25, 2025 at 10:43 AM

WP

“ *Wilma Poole lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Govan*



Wilma Poole - April 24, 2025 at 05:48 PM

TC

“ My condolences and prayers to the Govan family during this difficult time. Grandma Shirley absent will be missed by all who loved her dearly. My love to you all 🙏🙏🙏❤️. Tammie Chappell



Tammie Chappell - April 24, 2025 at 12:43 PM

DD

“ Dailphia Davis lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Govan



Dailphia Davis - April 24, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ Valerie Brown lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Govan



Valerie Brown - April 23, 2025 at 04:19 PM

AR

“ Amecia Lynn Leak Reeves lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Govan



Amecia Lynn Leak Reeves - April 23, 2025 at 03:29 PM

JF

“ JORDAN FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Govan



JORDAN FAMILY - April 23, 2025 at 12:35 PM

AN

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the family of Shirley,am going to miss talking to you on the phone you will be truly missed 🙏🙏🙏



Annie Pearl Nard - April 23, 2025 at 10:07 AM

AN

“ Annie Pearl Nard lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Govan



Annie Pearl Nard - April 23, 2025 at 10:05 AM

CJ

“ Carol B Johnson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Govan



Carol B Johnson - April 23, 2025 at 08:58 AM

TT

“ The POLK “TAYLOR” Family (wheeler homes)
WE sends OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES
TO
THE FAMILY & PRAYers for STRENGTH &
COMFORT DURING THIS TIME OF
SORROW



TINEY TAYLOR - April 23, 2025 at 01:03 AM

LE

“ I will miss our early morning chats, may
Peace be unto your family as they make
adjustments to life without you and to all
others whom you were a part of their lives...
Blessings. Lois Elder-Mathews



Lois Elder-Mathews - April 22, 2025 at 09:05 PM

CH

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Jasmine and the rest of the
family.

Cheryl Hill Hazel - April 22, 2025 at 05:57 PM

NA

“ Nicole Abernathy lit a candle in memory of
Shirley Ann Govan



Nicole Abernathy - April 22, 2025 at 04:12 PM

TL

“ Tony & Demetria Leak lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Govan



Tony & Demetria Leak - April 22, 2025 at 01:24 PM

TF

“ Joseph, Sharon and the entire Govan Family, sending our heartfelt Prayers and Love to each of you.

The Hudson Family - April 22, 2025 at 12:03 PM

VR

“ Vincent Robinson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Govan



Vincent Robinson - April 21, 2025 at 07:31 PM

NH

“ Ms.Cherri, Jeu,& GRANNY MIMI
SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES TO YOU. Praying for you all.
Sorry for your Loss. Mrs.Sherri,Mr.&Mrs.Govan,& Family (Our BHS
BAND FAMILY) . LOVE YOU ALL

N. Hall - April 21, 2025 at 03:12 PM

KG

“ WE LOVE YOU GRANNY AND YOU WILL BE TRULY MISSED

Keishayla Griffin - April 21, 2025 at 02:33 PM

PG

“Praying for the family doing this most difficult time. Mrs. Shirley Govan was a blessing and loved by all she came in contact with. Her infectious smile was contagious and her sweet, sweet, spirit was immeasurable. Our hearts are heavy, she will be missed. "When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure".
Love: Pat & Herbert Gray



Patricia Gray - April 21, 2025 at 02:03 PM

AH

Prayers 🙏 for the entire family 💕 I loved Mrs. Shirley Govan I called her mommie and felt every of her love 💕 thru her hugs laughter and smile will never forget her she's in the arms of Jesus Christ our savior RIP angel!

Angela Hampton - April 21, 2025 at 08:23 PM

JW

Our sincere condolences to Joseph, Jassmine and the Govan family, during the loss of their Mother. Prayers and blessings during this time of grief.
Love, Jonathan and Judy Wallace

Jonathan and Judy Wallace - April 23, 2025 at 08:18 PM

SC

My heart is heavy Mrs Shirley Love everyone I Love her the smile she had I will never forget her Prayers to the family Sis.Lillie Clopton

Sister.Lillie Clopton - May 03, 2025 at 09:15 AM

PT

To my family and loved ones. I love my Cousin Shirley with all my being. She was one to always remember my grandparents and never did let me forget that I was always a part of the family (both sides). Her smile was infectious and she was always so happy whenever we interacted. Shirley loved her some family! She was "ALL" about her family and so very proud of everyone, no matter what went on! Shirley was so optimistic about her health. She didn't complain. We will cherish her memories and are blessed because she lived. Family, let's live her legacy. I love Shirley and I love you. Let's stick together. We are all we have. Memories are wonderful and will make you very happy. Condolences to everyone. Love you. Cousin Pam 🙏❤️🌹

Pam Thompson - May 04, 2025 at 12:12 PM