



Shirley Ann Williams

August 7, 1937 - March 19, 2025

Shirley Ann (White) Williams, age 87, a lifelong resident of Chattanooga, Tennessee, passed away on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in a local hospital. Born in Los Angeles, California, in 1937, Shirley often shared the story of her and her mother's move to Tennessee when she was just a tiny girl, unable to walk, talk, or care for herself. She would lovingly recount how the move to Chattanooga, Tennessee, was the cure—though she always left out the small detail that she was only a month-old baby at the time.

Shirley loved telling stories, recounting her life experiences, and reflecting on the lessons she had learned. A proud graduate of Howard High School, Class of 1955, she went on to attend Tennessee State University. She was a devoted member of the Tyner Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses since 1972, where she found comfort and purpose in her life. Her response to the question, "How are you doing?" became a hallmark of her personality: "Considering my age and afflictions, I'm doing fairly well." It was a reply that always left others unsure whether to laugh or nod in agreement.

In her later years, Shirley found joy in simple pleasures—whether indulging in ice cream, enjoying game shows, or trying new activities she had never done before. She was rarely seen without her crossword puzzle book, which seemed to be an inseparable part of her life, like a purse she carried wherever she went. Shirley cherished connecting with family and friends, always making

time for a quick phone call to check in, especially with her best friend, Marjorie, with whom she would share a few words like, "Hello, how are you feeling, girl I'm out and about right now—I'll call you later. Bye!"

A woman who deeply appreciated God's creation and the people in her life, Shirley's kindness, warmth, and nurturing spirit left a lasting impact on all who knew her. She had a natural inclination to help others, especially her grandchildren, and her genuine love for her family and community will be deeply missed.

Shirley was preceded in death by her father, Lawrence T. White, and her mother, Mildred N. Martin.

She is survived by her sister, Shelia White of Los Angeles, CA; several cousins; her four children: Romel Williams, Benji Williams, both of Atlanta, GA, Carmen (Walter) Daugherty, and Dana Williams, both of Chattanooga; eight grandchildren: Aaron (Ashlee) Williams, Justyn (Jannkie) Meriwether, Ayesha Meriwether, Jeremy Williams, Jered Lindsey, Alexander (Kristi) Daugherty, Oliver Daugherty, and Daniel Daugherty; many great-grandchildren; and her long-time best friend and sister, Marjorie Baker.

Shirley will lie-in-state on Friday, March 28, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. The funeral service will follow at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel with Pete Ensign giving the Discourse.

DIRECTIONS FOR LIVE STREAM: Click on the link below.

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Previous Events

Lie-In-State

MAR **28.** 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAR **28.** 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service Camera 2 - Shirley Williams*



Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - April 03, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service Camera1-Shirley Williams*



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“ *My condolences to the Williams Family, from the Lewis, Hill, Duffie Family. Shirley was a precious person. And I do remember her cross word puzzle book that she carried around. She was very dear to everyone.*

Dernise Lewis Hill - March 29, 2025 at 12:22 AM

MM

“ *My condolences to the Williams family.*



Mignon Mclarin - March 28, 2025 at 06:25 PM

DH

“ *Denise Hunt-Wilkerson*



Denise H.Wilkerson - March 27, 2025 at 10:03 AM

DH

My heartfelt and sincere condolences to family of Shirley Ann Williams. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Denise H. Wilkerson

Denise H.Wilkerson - March 27, 2025 at 10:10 AM

SM

“ *Mrs. Shirley was an incredibly delightful part of my growing up years in Washington Hills. My 4 siblings and I had many meals, played many games, and enjoyed great childhood fun at Mrs. Shirley's house. She was like the neighborhood mom everyone wanted as their own. She had time for us all! Living next door to her was like having Six Flags Over GA within walking distance. She was kind, loving, & encouraging any/every time you saw her. My heartfelt prayers are with you Romel, Carmen, Dana, & Benji. May the strong peace of Christ sustain you.*

Susan Sledge Moss

Susan Sledge Moss - March 27, 2025 at 09:28 AM

VW

“ Vertis Worsham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Ann Williams.

Vertis Worsham - March 27, 2025 at 09:02 AM

VW

“ Vertis Worsham purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Shirley Ann Williams.



Vertis Worsham - March 27, 2025 at 09:02 AM

LF

“ Leonard Williams & Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Shirley Ann Williams.



Leonard Williams & Family - March 27, 2025 at 07:46 AM

RW

“ Ricki White-Gomez & Buddy White planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Ann Williams.

Ricki White-Gomez & Buddy White - March 26, 2025 at 11:10 PM

RW

“ Ricki White-Gomez & Buddy White purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Shirley Ann Williams.



Ricki White-Gomez & Buddy White - March 26, 2025 at 11:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley Ann Williams.

March 25, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Williams.



March 25, 2025 at 12:07 PM

MR

“ My Condolences to Romel and his family!
Miz Rose 🌹 🙏



Miz Rose - March 24, 2025 at 06:58 PM

PT

To the Williams family Portia and Michael send our heartfelt love to each of you. Mama Shirley will always hold a special place in our heart and remembrance.

Portia Thomas - March 25, 2025 at 07:10 PM

CB

My Deepest Condolences to Brother Romel and the Williams Family. From Sister Charlotte Galloway. North Riverdale Congregation

Charlotte BarnesGalloway - March 26, 2025 at 02:52 PM

RS

“ *Regina Kelley Starr lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Williams*



Regina Kelley Starr - March 24, 2025 at 05:49 PM

DH

“ *Don Hunt lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Williams*



Don Hunt - March 24, 2025 at 05:26 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley Ann Williams.*

March 24, 2025 at 02:49 PM

AS

“ Aunt Sheila planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Ann Williams.

Aunt Sheila - March 24, 2025 at 01:56 PM

AS

“ Aunt Sheila purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Shirley Ann Williams.



Aunt Sheila - March 24, 2025 at 01:56 PM

CO

“ Connie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Ann Williams.

Connie - March 24, 2025 at 01:17 PM

CO

“ Connie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Shirley Ann Williams.



Connie - March 24, 2025 at 01:17 PM

CG

“ *Connie Gates lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Williams*



Connie Gates - March 23, 2025 at 07:12 AM

CG

Shirley has always been the Best Sister n Law. I have known her all of my life. I will miss her calling me and asking about my children. Love you Shirley Ann.

Connie Gates - March 23, 2025 at 07:15 AM