



## Shirley Ann Harris

September 25, 1959 - February 28, 2014

Bloomington - Shirley Ann

Harris, 54 of Bloomington went to be with the Lord on February 28, 2014 at home at her request on Hospice, with her family and Deacon Nate Alexander by her side. Shirley was at peace and was saved with the Spirit of the Holy Ghost at the time of her demise.

Her funeral service will be held on Friday, March 14, 2014 at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Bloomington at noon with Rev. Frank L. McSwain, Sr. officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00 am up until the time of the service at the church on Friday.

Interment will be in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Bloomington. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to the American Cancer Society in Shirley's name. The family of Shirley has entrusted the care of their loved one to Kibler-Brady-Ruestman Memorial Home in Bloomington.

Shirley Ann Harris was born on September 25, 1959 in Chicago, IL a daughter to James Fields Brinton and Climmie Mae Harris.

She leaves to mourn, two children, Vanessa (Daniel) Wherry of Kannapolis, NC, and George (Krista) Henderson IV of Bloomington; two brothers, John (Lavergne) Harris of St. Louis, MO, Edgar (Linda) Reed of Jacksonville, FL; three sisters, Patricia (Anthony) Harris of Normal, Sharron (Byron) Gardner of Bloomington, and Janet (Steven) Davis of St. Louis, MO; two God sisters, Carlester "Vet" (Tyrone) Gardner of Normal, and

Elnida (Lai) Carter of Chicago; one longtime and dedicated friend, Rebecca Jackson of Bloomington; five grandchildren, Deyon Tavis, Taquena, Jervon Jr., Geor'dai, and Zaiyden; 10 very humble nieces and nephews whom lovingly assisted in caring for "TeeTee Shirley" until her demise: Theresa, Tyrone, Angel, Darrell, Harnia, Verletta, Muzhunda, Byronique, Byron Jr., and Ky'Onterre'. A host of eight nephews and five nieces along with thirty nine great nieces and nephews and many great-great nieces and nephews also survive.

In addition to her husband Mitchell, Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, one brother, and one nephew.

Shirley was known for her beautiful smile and her passion of being a "glamour girl", always dressed in fashion from head to toe. She was loved and respected by all that she greeted. Shirley accepted Christ at an early age and was a baptized member of the Old Way Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, IL.

She attended the Chicago Public schools, Bond Elementary, and Parker High Schools, where she received her general education studies. Shirley went on in life to pursue a career in Certified Nursing where she worked in the field over thirty years.

Shirley met and married Mitchell Thomas in 1996, he preceded her in death. Shirley's spirit led her to move to Bloomington in 1997 where she became a very active member of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Frank L. McSwain, Sr. and was known admirably as "Sanctuary".

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences

James Anderson

**James Anderson** - May 20, 2014 at 09:46 AM

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“ May you feel the presence and comfort of our Heavenly Father during this most difficult time. Our prayers and thoughts are with you Sherry and with your family.

**Marquis & Valerie Rice** - May 20, 2014 at 09:46 AM