



## Mrs. Shirley Evelyn Jones

January 3, 1947 - April 28, 2020

January 3, 1947 to April 28, 2020. Place of Birth: Washington, D.C.

Shirley Evelyn Jones, 73 died unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at Medstar Washington Hospital Center. It was a very shocking event that took the life of a very vibrant, giving, lovable, strong woman that loved God, family and friends. She was so loved by everyone that came into her life.

She was born Shirley Evelyn Nowlin and was known by her good friends as "Bonnie". Shirley was born on January 3, 1947 in Washington D. She was the 4th of six children through the union of Josephine Washington and George Nowlin : however she also had three other older siblings which in total were a family of nine children.

She grew up in Barry Farms and there she met the Jackson ladies (Shirley, Jackie, Debra, and Diana) that took her as their sister for life. Their closeness and bond she treasured during the years. Some of them shared her joys of the casino, football pool, going to Vegas or traveling to see her favorite team, the "Washington Redskins" play at other venues. Although they haven't won a game in a while and many refer to them as the dead skins, you bet not say anything about them because she was a true Redskins fan.

Shirley attended DC Public School and later went on to work for NALC, in

which she retired after 32 years of service, then worked at JcPenneys for 7 years and continued to work taking care of at least 8 beautiful kids that ranged from infant to toddler. She loved kids and they loved her back that some of them referred to her as "Mom" or "GG". She cared for at least 3 children with her side kick brother Charles until her death (Taylor (2), ZaKaree (1) and Moriah (1)). She could not wait until the youngest ones were walking as they were a delight to see every day.

Shirley was a member of Matthews Memorial Baptist Church and was baptized there. Shirley loved God. It was her family's home church, which some of them still attend. She was in the YAF church choir back in the day. This love of singing could be heard when she called you on your birthday every year. You almost expected to pick up the phone and hear her sing the Happy Birthday song with the elongated sound of YOUUU! at the end. She never forgot anyone's birthdate. She had a sharp memory. Her belief in God was her driving force in getting things done even in the hardest times. She believed all things come through Christ Jesus and she gave him all the glory for all her life accomplishments were not done without him. Even in the end she trusted him that he would hold her hand and guide her through salvation.

Shirley bore two children Sheryl Rush (July 28, 1966) and Antoine Thomas (November 28, 1977). She loved being a single woman and was a great Mother that made motherhood look easy. She never complained and adored her children. Her favorite saying was "Don't mess with my kids or my money" She meant that too because she would threaten to fight you. Her status changed on June, 1994 when she wedded Henry Jones, Jr., 15 years her junior. As you could see she was a pistol, took care of herself never looked at herself as old. "you are old as you feel", she would say.

Shirley loved watching her stories daily and game shows, and you could not call her during those time which she shared with some of her girlfriends.

Shirley is preceded in death by her siblings: Walter Harris, Edward Miles, Roland Miles, Joyce Ann Crawford (Nowlin), James Nowlin, Patricia Nowlin and Tammy Nowlin.

She leaves behind a husband, Henry Jones, Jr., her daughter Sheryl Rush (her life partner, Lloyd Carter) son, Antoine Thomas (Wende Latten-Thomas), one brother Charles T. Nowlin, Sr., three grandsons, Davon Rush (Carine), Corey Rush, and Dionte Thomas; Three granddaughters Erica Nowlin (Dwight Turner) Daja Laten and Moriah Jones (Jeffrey and Colleen Jones; one great-granddaughter, Azyla Rush, one great-grandson, ZaKaree Turner, and a host of family and friends that truly will miss her.

# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Gardens Memorial and Mausoleum

Waldorf, Maryland, MD

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**MAY 28.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Frazier Mason Memorial Funeral Home  
1661 Marion Barry Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20020  
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info@fraziermason.com  
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## Service

**MAY 28.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Shirley Evelyn Jones*

October 07, 2023 at 10:54 AM



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**Daphanie Jenkins** - May 28, 2020 at 12:42 AM



“ *We will always remember your love you shared to everyone.  
Loving you always!  
K&K*



**Kevin & Karen** - May 24, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Mrs. Shirley Evelyn Jones.*



May 24, 2020 at 10:36 AM

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“ *Some of Shirley’s co-workers from NALC. We all loved her, she was a beautiful soul through and through. RIP Mrs. Shirley.* ”



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**Kevin Newman** - May 23, 2020 at 10:49 PM

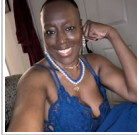
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“ *Kimberly Jones purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Shirley Evelyn Jones.* ”



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**Kimberly Jones** - May 22, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ *My Mother was the best. When I think of all the chats daily, doing things together, our tight knit bond not just as Mother and daughter, but my best friend. I get choked up. I don't know how I am going to do it without you, but you made me strong just like you. When you told me in the hospital that you were going to be okay and said i am not saying goodbye, but see you soon. Your eyes shined bright with so much confidence and lacked fear. I commended you on your strength and courage to go up against this virus and felt you were coming out the winner. I know you felt if you beat cancer, with only two chemo treatments and had been in remission for over 15 years, surely you are strong enough to beat this. I was left shocked and in disbelief. I cried so hard as our invisible hands dropped and I had to trust that you knew what it meant. What I knew was you knew the power of Jesus and would carry you either way, so underneath your mask, I know there was a smile. My dear Mother we will see each other....Soon. I know you watch over me because I feel your presence in my heart and near me. I too will make it through this tough time because you taught me to be strong all the way to the end.*

*Love 💕 you Mom. I miss you.*

*Your daughter Sheryl*



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**Sheryl Lesesne** - May 20, 2020 at 10:07 PM

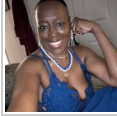
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“ *Kimberly Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Evelyn Jones*



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**Kimberly Jones** - May 19, 2020 at 04:16 PM



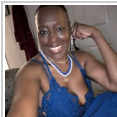
*Her light will forever shine.*

**Sheryl Lesesne** - May 20, 2020 at 09:47 PM

DJ

“ *Aunt Shirley, you were my aunt and my Moms best friend. I have so many fond memories of you. I can't believe you are no longer here. I love you and will miss you. Best Friends back together again. Rest In Peace. Forever missed, never forgotten. Love Monique*

**Daphanie Monique Jenkins** - May 14, 2020 at 11:46 AM



*This is so special. Thank you Monique.*

**Sheryl Lesesne** - May 20, 2020 at 09:46 PM

ST

“ *Shirley was my aunt and it's still unreal that you are no longer here with us. My daughter was the flower girl at their wedding. I have many fond memories of her and my uncle. May you Rest In Peace auntie and say hello to the rest of our family 🙏😭*

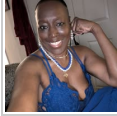


**stephanie R. Thames** - May 14, 2020 at 11:35 AM

KJ

*Shirley was my one and only Sister-in-law whom I will truly miss. She married my only brother but she was the best friend of one of my older sister's and she has been a part of our family long before she became my brother's wife. Sorry we couldn't be with you to say goodbye but you know that the family loves you and you will never be forgotten. Say hello to the rest of the family and until we meet again REST IN HEAVENLY PEACE LOVE YOU.*

**Kimberly Jones** - May 19, 2020 at 04:00 PM



*Kim you made me cry. Tears of love. Thank you for your sentiment.*

**Sheryl Lesesne** - May 20, 2020 at 09:49 PM

VP

*Shirley was a co-worker and a friend at NALC . She was a great person and a lot of fun. Always had a smile on her face everyday. Even though she had retired years ago I still would talk to her sometimes. Always the same smiling voice and in good spirits. I'm gonna miss you Shirley. Sending love and prayers to your family during this time. God loved you more! 🙏🙏*

**Vay Paige-Lee** - May 23, 2020 at 02:52 PM

PJ

*Condolences to the family, I worked with Shirley at Nalc she was such a bright light I would hate when she would take off or take a vacation I'd be so bored but when she returned we would have so much fun the days went by fast and when she retired I went to another department cause I missed her so much and even after she retired she would occasionally call and check up on everyone Shirley you meant a lot to many different people and we all have a story, you were the same always such a kind giving warm hearted lady you're gonna be missed by all who knew and loved you , take your rest my sista until we meet again R.I.P. I pray that God continue to bless her family and keep them in perfect peace 🙏🙏🙏🙏*

**priscilla jenkins** - May 23, 2020 at 10:33 PM