

Celebration of Life
for
Sister Shirley Ann Ward Roberts

SUNRISE

August 8, 1953
Surry County
Mount Airy, NC

SUNSET

August 28, 2009
Surry County
Mount Airy, NC



Monday, August 31, 2009
Two o'clock

Triumphant Pentecostal Church
183 Marshall Farm Road
Mount Airy, North Carolina

Dr. Tony O. Carter, *Officiating*
Reverend Ashley B. Jones, *Eulogist*

Interment
Stateline Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery
Mount Airy, North Carolina

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude

Earth's Final Glimpse 1:30 until 2:00 pm

Words of Comfort Guest Minister

Selection Payne's Chapel Choir

Invocation Guest Minister

Scripture Old Testament Guest Minister

New Testament Guest Minister

Obituary (Read Silently)

Acknowledgements and Church Resolutions

Mother Josephine Strickland

Selection Payne's Chapel Choir

Eulogy Reverend Ashley B. Jones

Recessional (People Standing)

Committal/Benediction Reverend Ashley B. Jones

Interment Stateline Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery
Mount Airy, North Carolina

The Final Flight Spencer Funeral Home Staff

FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces

CASKET BEARERS

Nephews

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Deacon Robert Strickland Deacon Earley Valentine
Deacon Gary Hill Deacon Tommy Joyce

Professional Services Directed by

SPENCER FUNERAL HOME STAFF

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THE OBITUARY

Mrs. Shirley Ann Ward Roberts 56 of 190 Greentown Road, Mount Airy passed away on Friday August 28, 2009 at her residence. She was born August 8, 1953 in Surry County to the late Edward Ward and Annie Mozelle Ceasar. Sister Shirley was a faithful member of Payne's Chapel, most people in her health capacity would stop attending church, but she continued to come to church with God's help and her faithful companion Deacon Monroe, when they took their wedding vows they truly meant something, in sickness and in health until death do us part. She was an inspiration for all of us who knew her. She was an usher as long as her health permitted her to do so. Sister Shirley was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and most of all a child of God. She will truly be missed.

She is survived by her loving and caring husband Deacon Monroe Roberts; three sons James Smith of Mount Airy, NC; Clarence Smith of Winston-Salem, NC; Eddie Smith of Mount Airy, NC; eleven grandchildren; seven sisters Bessie Ward (Freddie) of Gastonia, NC; Emma Ward of Winston-Salem, NC; Elsie Moore (Dwayne) of Mount Airy, NC; Bonita Thompson Santiago (Jose) of Dobson, NC; Judy Padilla (Apolinar) of Mount Airy, NC; Joy Ward (Lashelle) of Mount Airy, NC; Lisa Ceesay (Mike) of Columbus, OH; one brother Edward Ward of Mount Airy, NC; one aunt Marie Ceasar of Mount Airy, NC. With a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by one niece Ashley Ward.

Words of Inspiration

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me,
I took his hand when I heard the call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, or play,
Task left undone must stay that way,
I found that place at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void, then,
Fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with time of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life has been full; I savored so much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all to brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me;
God wanted me now, He set me free.



Thank You

*We just want to thank you
for the kindness you have shown,
for being there to support us,
in ways that you've not known.*

The Family of
Mrs. Shirley Ann Ward Roberts
190 Greentown Road
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