



Mrs. Shirley "The Rose" Butler

April 23, 1947 - January 19, 2022

Shirley "The Rose" Butler, also known as Teeny, was born on April 23rd, 1947, to John Henry Franklin and Laura Delia Ware. Good humored and mischievous, she had one of those laughs that caused a ripple effect. It was so contagious and infectious that you found yourself joining in, even if you didn't know why she was laughing.

Shirley was a long-time resident of Forrest City, Arkansas, where she met Frank Butler Jr. During their union, she bore four children: Gail Inaz Butler of Oklahoma City, OK, Yvette (Kenneth) Edmonds of Tulsa, OK, Leslie (Adrian) Turner of Plano, TX, and Frank (Michelle) Butler of Jacksonville, AR.

Shirley attended Church of God on North Division up until relocating to Plano, TX in 2020 to be closer to her children. She was an amazingly generous, kind-hearted, and private person. She had a relationship with the Father, accepted Jesus as the Son, and found comfort in the Holy Spirit in her last days.

Shirley loved her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren very dearly. Words could never express how much she will be missed by her family and friends.

She leaves behind four sisters: Mellede Duff, Helen Hull, Oeinta Mason, and Juanita Williams.

Leaving to cherish her memories: her four children, 15 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins, and her longtime, beloved friend Debbie Gadberry.

In loving expectation of her arrival, Shirley will be greeted by her papa, John, her mother, Laura, her five sisters--Laurine Burks, Pauline Lawshea, Bobby Lydle, Mable Wymes, Vernice Williams, and two brothers--Jack Franklin and John Franklin, Jr.

Cemetery Details

Casteel Cemetery

Highway 70 West & CR 221
Forrest City, AR 72335

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Forrest City Civic Center
1335 North Washington Street
Forrest City, AR 72335

Tribute Wall

BR

“ *Brenda Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley "The Rose" Butler*



Brenda Robinson - February 10, 2022 at 09:34 PM

GP

“ *Shirley, you will truly be miss you are with ours Heaven Father now
Gladys (sister,cousin)*

Gladys Poole - February 06, 2022 at 08:32 PM

EH

“ *Shirley was a kind wonderful woman. I will miss her greatly. Your GI family.*

Elizabeth Howard - February 06, 2022 at 05:12 PM

MB

“ *Rest Up Cousin Shirley, I can still remember when you & big sis use to hang out like sisters. You or her didn't take no mess. Come in the house correct or you gone get checked. We could a use a few more strong women to help shape our youth. Hard to believe how fast time fly & we sometimes don't get to say those last two words. I'll say the last two more positive words - Fly High....Fly High. Prayers for our entire Family.*

Mac Brown - February 04, 2022 at 04:53 PM

TC

“ Ms Shirley, you were a special woman. I appreciate you for all you have done. You will be missed, I was shocked to see your name on here. The talks and laughs we use to have, I will never forget. Rest in love, love you.....

Tina Cook-Floyd - February 04, 2022 at 04:44 PM

 Resia
Guyton-
Robert

“ Auntie Teeny,
When I received the call on that day from cousin Gail, that you had left us on this earthly journey. I was so saddened, knowing that I was the one had to deliver the news to mommy, your sister and best friend. 🙏 The Holy Spirit kick into over drive. I asked the Lord to help me. Just know mom sits in her room starring off. I know she miss her sister, they talked everyday all day. To my cousins auntie loved her children to life. I will continue to keep the family lifted up during this season. Rest In Heaven Auntie Teeny. You will truly be missed! 💕



Resia Guyton-Robert - February 04, 2022 at 06:38 AM

ST

“ Shirley Williams Thorn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley "The Rose" Butler



Shirley Williams Thorn - February 03, 2022 at 10:06 PM



“ *The Bible says, you can tell a tree by the fruits it bears and Mrs Shirley Butler was a strong tree because she produced some strong children, Gail, Yevette, Leslie and Frank Jr. Praying for comfort for the family. Theodore Hancock*

Theodore Hancock - February 03, 2022 at 08:26 PM

WF

“ *Wilburn Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley "The Rose" Butler*



Wilburn Family - February 02, 2022 at 07:35 AM

BS

Many Prayers to the Butler family, we will forever miss mrs. Shirley she wore a beautiful smile to All, from the G.I family of many years

Barbara Ann Smith - February 02, 2022 at 11:08 PM

SC

Shirley, thank you for always being so loving, so sweet and always greeting me with your smile and laughter everytime I saw you!! Your quick wit and laughs you always had I will never forget!! Heaven is beaming with your smile and laughter I know. I will miss you dearly. God Bless 🌹

Sheryl Ashcraft Coleman - February 02, 2022 at 11:15 PM

LT

“ Thank you Momma. I appreciate you and miss you more than words can express. Thank you for being strong and determined. You walked this walk on your terms. You instilled in us values that we are yet passing down to our children. I remember you saying, " I ain't gonna worry about the mule going blind, gonna sit tight and hold the line." Now, I am going to sit tight, knowing in my heart that you are with the Father and I will see you again. LOVE YOU MUCH
Shirley Rose!

Leslie Turner - February 01, 2022 at 07:29 PM

HR

Shirley we're a beautiful friend inside and outside God got you in His loving arm now 🙏❤️🙏❤️.

Helen Reeves - February 01, 2022 at 11:49 PM



“ Gail, I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you and your family lifted in prayer.

Lisa Duckworth

Lisa Duckworth - February 01, 2022 at 03:18 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley "The Rose" Butler



Dorothy Bell - February 01, 2022 at 09:45 AM

CC

“ *Carolyn Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley "The Rose" Butler*



Carolyn Chapman - February 01, 2022 at 07:57 AM

AS

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to Gail & The Bulter Family. May God hold your hand in this difficult time. My Prayers are with you In Jesus Name Amen.*

Angela Ramey Smith - February 01, 2022 at 06:03 AM

GB

“ Thank you momma for the transparent quality of being true to yourself in quietness and in outward expression. There was never any guesswork with you. Because you were so real, I acquired ,from you, this beautiful gift of discernment. I will miss your mischievous dry sense of humor and also the way you laughed from your gut ending with, “Oh Me”. You loved to make people laugh and that you passed on to your children and grandchildren. Mom God’s Word reads a merry heart does good like a medicine. Every time I think about the beautiful memories we shared it is indeed like medicine to my soul. I will miss the twinkle in your eye when you smiled, your smell, your laugh, your essence and the special way you loved us. There’s no one like you momma. I don’t hav words to express how much I love you. This place is so difficult. The thought of never hearing you call my name again in this life is so devastating to my soul. A piece of my heart went with you. However, today Im comforted by the knowledge that I will see you again. Until then, I will find rest in Our Father who is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.



Gail Butler - January 31, 2022 at 11:07 PM

YE

“ You were the epitome of a strong black woman. I will never forget the laughs and how you would call my name Veeette. I will cherish every voice mail and picture. I know beyond a shadow of doubt that you are with the Heavenly Father resting, no more sickness or pain. Thank you for every scolding, correction and tough love. I am the woman that I am today, because of you.

Yevette Edmonds - January 31, 2022 at 08:48 PM

BS

To The family of Shirley Butler may God continue blessing each of you with the needed strength to carry on during this difficult journey without that beautiful Smile Shirley always carried, You will be truly be missed

Barbara Ann Smith - January 31, 2022 at 11:04 PM

BJ

“ *Bobbie Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley "The Rose" Butler*



Bobbie Jones - January 31, 2022 at 07:28 PM

RH

“ *Reva Hancock-Wiley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley "The Rose" Butler*



Reva Hancock-Wiley - January 31, 2022 at 07:26 PM

BR

“ *Sending my heartfelt condolences to the family during this difficult time. May God continue to comfort you, and bring peace in your darkest moments.*

*Respectfully,
Brandi Bailey Rowe*



Brandi Bailey Rowe - January 31, 2022 at 05:49 PM

SF

“ I’m sending my sincere and deepest condolences to my cousins and all of our family 🙏 Auntie was not only my Fathers sister but a dear sister and close friend to my Mother Lorraine Franklin. They really had good times talking on the phone. Auntie is truly in a better place! Love you all very much, Your cousin Sherry Franklin ❤️

sherry franklin - January 31, 2022 at 05:20 PM

CF

“ My Sister Auntie,

She lived with my family for a while when I was a little boy. She was extraordinarily beautiful and witty. So sad I didn't get to hear her one more time or say how much I loved to be around her.

To the family, I know the loss of Mom's presence. But I also know the comfort of the Lord's presence. In the latter I know you will find peace.

*Your Cousin,
Charles Edward Franklin
(Jack's boy)*

Charles Franklin - January 31, 2022 at 03:56 PM

DM

“A word of comfort and of hope, that in your deepest sorrow, you will find new strength and peace of mind and courage for tomorrow.” Please know that you are in our prayers.



Sending condolences to the family of Shirley Franklin Butler on behalf of The Lincoln High School - Maroon & Gold National Alumni Association, Inc. (MGNAAI), Forrest City, Arkansas. Shirley was a member of the Lincoln High School Class of 1965.”

*Delores Farr Morelon
MGNAAI President*

Delores Farr Morelon - January 31, 2022 at 02:45 PM



To Leslie, Gail, Yvette, and Frank Jr. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. We love you and are praying for your strength. You were built upon a firm and solid foundation so God will be your comfort. Love, Cassie and Odis Lewis and family.

Cassie Williams-Lewis - February 04, 2022 at 11:44 AM