



Bishop Shirley B. Davis

April 7, 1938 - April 28, 2026

On Tuesday, April 28th, Heaven gained a beautiful soul, Shirley Davis who peacefully transitioned into eternal rest. Though our hearts are heavy, we rejoice in the legacy of love, humility, and service she leaves behind. Born on April 7, 1938, in Wilmington, NC, Shirley was raised in a close-knit and deeply loving household. She was the daughter of Arthur and Gertrude Brown and one sibling. After marriage to James Davis, she relocated to New Haven, Ct where she raised her family. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and loyal friend. "Not a special holiday passed without her acknowledging a family member or friend with a phone call and a special gift, which she usually purchased months in advance." Shirley holds an accredited Doctor of Ministry degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH; a Master of Arts degree from St. Joseph's College in East Hartford, CT; and a Master of Science degree in Psychology from the University of New Hampshire. Her love for learning led her to complete professional development courses, training, and certifications, which included "The Scope of Psychiatric Rehabilitation" at Yale University in New Haven, CT, and "Best Interest of the Family" at the University of Akron, OH. The New Haven Ministers, Wives, and Widows saluted Bishop Davis for outstanding service to God, His Kingdom, and His People. She also received a Certificate of

Appreciation in recognition of valuable contributions to the 2nd Annual Black Church AIDS Interfaith Community Conference, as well as a Certificate of Appreciation from the New Haven Regional Center for her support and contributions to their mentally challenged population. She served as pastor of Mt. Zion Church in New Haven, CT, for nine years. Upon relocating to Charlotte, she became a faithful member of The Park Church for over 15 years. In 2016, she was appointed assistant to the Chief Prelate, Bishop Michael Densmore, of Community Churches of God, Inc., and became the National Bishop for the organization for ten years. Bishop Davis has preached in the Holy Land, but most importantly, is an anointed woman of God, who serves God and His people with a spirit of love and excellence. She has often stated: "Similar to Paul, all my accomplishments are counted as loss if I cannot serve God." She took great pride in seeing the people of God advance in the things of God. She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Gertrude Brown; her husband, James Davis; her son, Richard Davis and her sister Joyce McMillan. She is survived by her daughters, Billie Robinson of Wilmington, NC, and Pamela Glover (Dean) of Hinesville, GA; sons, Bernard Davis of West Haven, CT, and Dwight Davis, Kirk Davis, and Gregory Davis (Yolanda) of Charlotte, NC; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins, friends and spiritual daughters. A special thanks to my niece, Bettie Jones; and special daughters Renesia Jenkins (Derell) of Hinesville, GA and Teresa Oliver Smith of Charlotte, NC. Shirley's legacy is one of humility, service, quiet greatness, and her life's impact resonates across family, community, and beyond.

Cemetery Details

Gethsemane Memorial Gardens

1504 W. Sugar Creek Road
Charlotte, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Park Church
6029 Beatties Ford Rd
Charlotte, NC 28216-2205
(704) 392-1681

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest condolences to the Smith family. I was deeply saddened by hearing of her passing. I knew Shirley when she was in Wilmington, NC, we both grew up there. She will be truly missed by all who knew her. I will continue to pray for the family during their loss. May God continue to Bless.

Mable L. Miller - Durham, NC



Mable Miller - May 07 at 10:41 AM

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“ William H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bishop Shirley B. Davis.

William H. - May 07 at 07:31 AM