



Shirley Hood

September 14, 1934 - July 16, 2021

Shirley's Life Journey

A time to be born: Shirley Mae Hood was born on September 14, 1934. She was the first of two children. Her parents were John Hunter Jones and Jimella Jones. In the height of the Great Depression, Jimella died at an early age. She left her mother, Lucy Nichols Sykes Jones, to raise and lovingly rear her children, Shirley Mae being one of them. Shirley always referred to her grandmother as "Momma Lucy."

A time to speak: Shirley confessed Christ at an early age at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Mississippi. She was baptized in the southern waters of the Tom Bixby River. Shirley joined Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Kankakee, Illinois in the early 60's. She loved the Lord and served many years in ministry as a member of the choir and on the mothers' board.

A time to grow: Shirley attended R. E. Hunt High School where she obtained her high school diploma. She also pursued informal avenues of training to develop additional life skills that would carry her through her life. At the age of 10, Shirley had to find work to support her family. God used this experience to shape her into an excellent homemaker, cook, and gardener. In addition, Shirley had an interest in cosmetology. Under the instruction of her aunt, she learned how to cut and style hair. If customers received a press and curl from

Shirley; they knew their hair was going to be “fried, dyed, and laid to the side.”

Shirley naturally had a heart of a servant. She always wanted to help and serve others. This characteristic led her to work in the field of mental health. She worked at Manteno Mental Health Center and Ludeman Developmental Center for nearly 30 years where she started as an entry-level technician and worked her way up to a unit supervisor. She had compassion for people and would often sacrifice her needs for others.

Shirley enjoyed hobbies such as fishing, gardening, and singing with her beautiful soprano vocals.

A time to love: Shirley met Charles Ezell Hood in Chicago, Illinois through a close family member. They had their first date at the notorious Bud Billiken Parade. They began a romance and soon committed themselves to one another in holy matrimony on April 7, 1956. To their union was born six children.

A time to die: Shirley fought the good fight and in due season, heard the voice of Jesus Christ calling her home. She departed this life on Friday, July 16, 2021. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her grandparents, her aunts, and her uncle.

A time to mourn: Shirley leaves to mourn four sons: Lester (Beverly) of Kankakee, IL, Charles of Rex, GA, Joe (Jerolynn) of Conyers, GA, Michael (Josephine) of Plainfield, IL and two daughters: Susan (V'Arthur) of Matteson, IL and Charlene of Plainfield, IL, one sister: Joan (Atrice) Virgil of University City, MO, 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 23. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Shiloh Full Gospel Baptist Church
945 S. Dearborn
Kankakee, IL

Service

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Sara Hood lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hood*



Sara Hood - October 03, 2022 at 10:43 PM

WT

“ *My prayers and condolences to the family.*



Walter Turner - August 14, 2021 at 03:49 PM

JA

“ *Praying for the family. May God continue to comfort you.*
Dr Rodney & Jacqueline Alford



Jacqueline Alford - July 30, 2021 at 06:17 PM

CF

“ *Sending our deepest condolences to the Hood family. Mrs. Hood was a kind and loving woman. She was my daughter's mentor as she became a debutante. Cherry Marshall and family, Star Taylor and family*



Cherry Malone Marshall and family - July 23, 2021 at 11:32 AM

RN

“ *Ruby Nelson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hood*



Ruby Nelson - July 23, 2021 at 12:22 AM

PJ

“ *Patricia Jamison lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hood*



Patricia Jamison - July 22, 2021 at 04:14 PM

MG

“ *To the Hood family my prayers and condolences. I have so many beautiful memories of the times we spent together.*



Mary Gant - July 22, 2021 at 02:00 PM

TR

“ *To the entire Hood family, may your Mom's memory forever brighten your sorrow. She will always be remembered as a beautiful soul who loved beyond limits. I wish only peace for all of you while knowing you will lean on those who are here to help you during this transition. She raised an awesome family which is the best of all legacies to build. God Bless you today & always, Tashion Reeves & Family*

Tashion Reeves - July 22, 2021 at 12:08 PM

RL

“ *Rhonda Love lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hood*



Rhonda Love - July 22, 2021 at 11:52 AM

MC

“ *Our condolences to the family. Mark and Annie Calbert*



Mark and Annie Calbert - July 22, 2021 at 09:58 AM

WM

“ *Deepest sympathy to my buddy Lester and to all of your family and your mom's friends. May nothing but the best of memories always be a blessing to you. Big hugs and may God's peace be with you.*

William Maass - July 22, 2021 at 04:07 AM

MB

“ *Minnie Brewer Brewster lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hood*



minnie brewer brewster - July 21, 2021 at 08:37 PM

AR

“ *Annie Rice lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hood*



Annie Rice - July 21, 2021 at 03:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Hood.*



July 21, 2021 at 01:21 PM

JB

“ *JOANN BOX lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hood*



JOANN BOX - July 21, 2021 at 12:17 PM

TC

“ *my cousin Shirley when last visited at her home in Kankakee shared family memories of her younger days about Ma Lucy my Granddad and others I will always cherish and remember that day she allowed me to make copies of their pictures from her wall collection she was always well dressed with make up on an example of how to age gracefully I am her cousin Thelma Sykes Carroll*

Thelma Sykes Carroll - July 21, 2021 at 10:23 AM

EC

“ *May God bless and comfort the Hood family in this time of sorrow.*

Elayne Coffie - July 21, 2021 at 08:55 AM

CW

“ *Cheryl Wilson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hood*



Cheryl Wilson - July 21, 2021 at 08:42 AM

LS

“ *Lorraine Strickland lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hood*



Lorraine Strickland - July 21, 2021 at 08:26 AM