

Your Spirit

I know that no matter what. You *will* always be with us.

When life separates us, we will know it is only your soul saying goodbye to your body and your spirit will be with us always.

When we see a bird chirping on a nearby branch we will know it is you singing to us.

When a butterfly brushes gently by us so carefree, we will know it is you assuring us that you are free from pain. When the gentle fragrance of a flower catches our attention, we will know it is you reminding us to appreciate the simple things in life.

When the sun shines through our window to awaken us, we will feel the warmth of your love.

When we hear the rain pitter patter against our window sill, we will hear your words of wisdom.

When we look at our lives, we will think of your endless love for your family.

We will think of your courage because you showed us that without rain, trees cannot grow, without rain flowers won't bloom, without life's challenges, we cannot grow strong. No matter where we are Your spirit will be beside us, for you have left a mark in our hearts.



Pallbearers
Reginald Burford
Bryce Christopher Burford
Keith Reed

Acknowledgments
The family of Shirley Burford extends sincere thanks and deep gratitude for the expressions of sympathy, prayers, and other acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. May God bless all of you.

Send condolences to
The Burford Family
9306 Rockrose Dr.
Tampa Fl 33647

Service:
Sunset Memorial Gardens
11005 US-301
Thonotosassa, FL 33592
Phone: 813.986.2402
www.sunsetmemory.com

Viewing: 10:00 a.m.
Service: 11:00 a.m.

Repast
The Burford Residence
9306 Rockrose Dr.
Tampa Fl 33647

Arrangements Entrusted to:
Jones Funeral Home

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A Celebration of Life

Shirley "Sweet Pea" Burford

Sunrise

September 10, 1938

Sunset

March 14, 2022



Sunday, March 20, 2022
10:00am – 12:00pm

Sunset Funeral Home
Thonotosassa, FL 33592

Shirley "Sweet Pea" Burford

Shirley Beatrice Burford, affectionately known as "Sweet Pea," was born September 10, 1938 to Henry and Placidia Partee in Memphis, Tennessee. She was the youngest of seven siblings. Three sisters and one brother preceded her in death.

Shirley grew up with her parents and siblings in a loving and Christian home. In this home, Shirley was taught to live a life of faith and service. She was a mighty prayer warrior. Shirley joined Antioch Baptist Church. Her dedication and desire to serve were always apparent, and she participated in several ministries.

She attended Booker T. Washington High School in Memphis, Tennessee, where she was a majorette. She furthered her education at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio. She attended Cuyahoga Community College and received a degree as a Registered Nurse. She worked at the Cleveland VA and other hospitals in the Cleveland area. After retirement, she was dedicated to helping the homeless.

Shirley married Earnest Lee Burford, an International Boxer. They had six beautiful children. Both Anthony and Steven Burford preceded her in death.

Shirley leaves to celebrate her life and cherish her memory with much love to her children Reginald Burford, Tonya Dixon, Donna Burford, and Julian Burford. She was very proud of her grandchildren, Kamaria Williams, Tasha Mckithen, Chelsa Burford, Brittany Dixon, Anthony Burford Jr., Jalen, Tautiana, Mya, Kortney, Bryce, Winter and Great-grandchildren Nya Marie and Kira Nicole, Desiree, Sienna and Shilo Amini. Her loving sisters Geri Reed and Deloris Glenn, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends.



Celebration of Life Service

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

II Corinthians 5:1

Processional

Musical Prelude

Prayer.....Keith Reed

Scripture
 Old Testament.....Psalm 23
 New Testament.....John 14:1-6th

Musical Selection....."A Song for Mama" Boyz II Men

Scripture.....The Beatitudes.....Kira Williams

Remarks.....Family (2 min please)

Reading of the Obituary.....Keith Reed

Musical Selection....."Unforgettable" Duet by Nat King Cole

Eulogy.....Rev. Cheryl L. Price, PhD

Closing Prayer.....Rev. Cheryl L. Price, PhD

Recessional.....