



Ms. Shirley Delores Peavie

April 20, 1950 - August 20, 2018

On Monday, August 20, 2018, Shirley went home to be with her heavenly father.

Shirley Delores Peavie was born April 20, 1950, to Norman James and Myrtis C. (Burks) Peavie.

She was the eldest of four children. Shirley had three younger brothers whom she adored. She was preceded in death by her loving father Norman Peavie and dear brothers, Joe Lavone Peavie and Roger Peavie.

Shirley was educated in the Milwaukee Public School System. She graduated from Rufus King High School and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

However, Shirley chose to work for the City of Milwaukee where she was an employee for more than 38 years.

She was very strong in her religious faith. Shirley's Christian walk began at Greater Galilee Baptist Church as a youth. In 1979, she was united with New Covenant Baptist Church, where she remained until her passing. Shirley was a very faithful and active member of New Covenant Baptist Church. She was a faithful member of many ministries at New Covenant. She served as Sunday School Superintendent for more than 10 years until her passing. She was the Black History Chairperson, a member of the Deborah Circle, Scholarship Ministry, Women's Ministry, Birthday Ministry, NCBC Newsletter Ministry and several other ministries. She worked untiringly for the ministries in which she was involved. Over the years she traveled to many church conventions and

conferences to strengthen her biblical knowledge. Shirley was also a Girl Scout Leader for many years and touched the lives of girls of all ages. Shirley taught a charm school at New Covenant to several young girls. Her one unfulfilled dream was to open and operate a Charm School.

Some of her favorite pastimes were watching HGTV, The Food Network and reading Women's World magazines. She loved going out to eat or just being with family and friends. She loved baking cookies for our family gatherings at Christmas.

Shirley was known for her sophistication and her bright smile. She was very photogenic and always ready with her mirror and red lipstick. Shirley was a strong, independent, classy lady with a zest for life.

She was a loyal and trusted friend to many. To know her was to love her.

Shirley leaves to cherish her memories: her loving mother, Myrtis C. (Burks) Peavie of Walnut Grove, MS, her brother, Larry Peavie of Jackson, MS, one uncle, Mr. J.B. (Laura) Burks of Walnut Grove, MS, two sister-in-laws, Dora Peavie, Milwaukee, WI and Cora Peavie of Walnut Grove, MS, nieces, Natalie (Kevin) Martin of Little Elm, TX, Lesle Joi Peavie, Symona Jade Peavie, Khalia Janay Peavie and Autumn Journee Peavie all of Walnut Grove, MS, one nephew, Jovon Peavie of Milwaukee, WI and five great nieces, many cousins, special cousin, Brenda Peavie and other extended family and very close friends.

Cemetery Details

Ship-Out: Mississippi

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **26**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

New Covenant MBC
2315 N. 38th Street
Milwaukee, WI

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Shirley. I had the opportunity to work with Shirley in Christian Education. She was the superintendent at New Covenant Baptist Church and we would e-mail and phone message each other about the congress classes. She was a Christian lady, and was easy to communicate with, also knew her thru my cousins Faye and Estelle Woodard. RIP my dear, you will be missed

Annette Westmoreland - August 25, 2018 at 08:26 AM

LK

“ I had the privilege of knowing and working with Shirley for nearly 40 years. All I can say is that she was a true lady; a gentle woman, always proper, maintained a positive attitude and placed priority on family.

I first met Shirley when she became a Clerk Typist in the Assessments Division in the City of Milwaukee's Department of Public Works. Working mainly with men, she knew how to handle the public and the office staff. She later rose through the ranks and the last time we were associated in a work setting was when she became the City Engineer's personal secretary. From the beginning of her career until our final association, she performed admirably.

While I can write about Shirley's work ethic, there were some humorous times as well. I remember one of the first years that she worked in Assessments, the office went to lunch for Christmas. Being the only woman, the waitress began with Shirley and asked what she wanted to drink. Shirley forcefully responded, "A Southern Comfort, Old Fashion, Extra Sweet." When our beverages arrived, it was obvious Shirley's drink wasn't what she thought it would be. When quizzed, she said she overheard someone else order the drink and it "sounded good". While it became the office joke at each succeeding office Christmas lunch, I'm not sure she ever ordered another alcoholic beverage.

Shirley could also roll with the punches. Shortly after Shirley and her cousin Brenda purchased their home on W. Eggert Pl., she held an open house. When my wife and I came to the house on Sunday, I commented that we were the only ones present. Shirley responded, "Well that is probably because the open house was yesterday." Not skipping a beat, she took us on a tour of the house.

I am proud to have had the opportunity to know Shirley. May God welcome her home with open arms; she deserves it.

Lawrence Kaplan - August 24, 2018 at 10:19 AM

JM

Well Said Larry. I don't think I can add much to that. I knew Shirley from 1977 till 2011 when I retired from the City of Milwaukee. I'll just add that I very seldom ever saw her without a smile on her face. She had a way of making your day better no matter how it might have been going. I true optimist always seeing the good rather than the bad. She was one of my best customers when it came to Boy Scout Christmas wreath sales. She always supported the scouts as my 3 sons went through the program over a period of 22 years. Always was proud to deliver them right to her home and hang them up on the same hooks every year. Very sad that she couldn't have enjoyed a lot longer retirement and very sad that all of her friends could'nt enjoy her company for many more years to come.

Jeff Mantes - August 25, 2018 at 02:24 PM

JM

PS Sorry I will not be able to celebrate Shirley's life, as I will be out of state. My thoughts and prayers will be with the family and friends that are able to gather together for Shirley's celebration of life.

Jeff Mantes - August 25, 2018 at 02:27 PM