



## Ms. Shirley Jean Taylor

December 27, 1952 - July 25, 2023

Mrs. Shirley Jean Taylor, 70, transitioned to her heavenly home at 12:33 pm on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at Carle Health Methodist Hospital.

Shirley was born on December 27, 1952 in Shelby, MS to James Mitchell and Dorothy (Sanders) Swafford. She was married to her beloved, Clarence Taylor, in Tunica, MS until his death.

Shirley worked at Butternut Bakery as a dock worker. She loved caring for everyone and was a mother figure to many. Shirley was bossy and stubborn but a kind and sweet person who believed in tough love. She loved to shop. Shirley was a long-time member of Peoria Friendship M.B. Church.

Shirley leaves to cherish her most precious memories, her mother, Dorothy Swafford of Memphis, TN; two sons, Tracy Taylor and Travis Taylor both of Peoria, IL; four brothers, Willie "Bill" (Josie) Sanders of Peoria, IL, Lefty (Ella) Sanders of New York City, NY, Dwayne (Clara) Sanders of Peoria, IL and Timothy Sanders of Memphis, TN; two sisters, Mary (Curtis) Braxton and Aserlean Sanders both of Memphis, TN; a special "Super Uncle", Willie Ingram; one God-sister, Ruthie (Earl) Peoples; two Goddaughters, Twyla McMullen and Glenda Brandon and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends who loved her. She is preceded in death by her father, husband and sister, Deborah Jamison.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at Sovereign Grace M.B. Church, with a one-hour visitation prior beginning at 10:00 am. Pastor Willie Jamison, Jr. of The Love of Memphis, Memphis, TN will officiate. Shirley will be laid to rest at Parkview Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Parkview Cemetery

2001 N University St  
Peoria, IL 61604  
(309) 688-0733

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sovereign Grace M.B. Church  
1505 W. Martin Street  
Peoria, IL 61605

## Celebration of Life

JUL 29. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Sovereign Grace M.B. Church  
1505 W. Martin Street  
Peoria, IL 61605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Shirley Jean Taylor*



**Simons Mortuary** - July 31, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Shirley Jean Taylor*



**Simons Mortuary** - July 27, 2023 at 06:28 PM

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*My condolences 🌸 to your family and friends 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏 I will truly miss our daily conversation of inspiration, motivation, and encouraging times on Facebook 🙏🙏 God has gained a beautiful soul ❤️ ❤️❤️ Gone to soon ☹️🙏🙏🙏 Rest in Peace 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏*

**Shirley Flynn Harvey** - July 28, 2023 at 01:56 AM



*Mane Tee I'm miss you 🥺 you was my other mommy 😭😭😭😭💔💔🙏  
 🙏🙏🙏 you always told me you were proud of me and the woman I  
 became Tee keep watching over me and ima keep making you proud I  
 Love you ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭😭*

**laronda stone** - July 28, 2023 at 05:01 PM



*Rest well sister 😭🙏💔*

**laronda stone** - July 28, 2023 at 05:03 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Burial at Parkview Cemetery*



**Simons Mortuary** - July 31, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ *Allison Clay lit a candle in memory of Shirley Taylor*



**Allison Clay** - July 28, 2023 at 12:16 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Shirley Jean Taylor.*



July 27, 2023 at 12:22 PM

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“ *Roslyn Bond lit a candle in memory of Shirley Taylor*



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**Roslyn Bond** - July 27, 2023 at 09:34 AM

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“ *Roslyn Bond sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Taylor*



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**Roslyn Bond** - July 26, 2023 at 09:28 PM