



## Shirley Jane McLemore-Finch

November 12, 1945 - July 14, 2016

Shirley Jane McLemore was born on November 12, 1945 in Braddock, PA. She was the fifth of six daughters from the union of the late James and Marie Lanham McLemore. She and her siblings grew up in the closeknit community of Whitaker, PA. Shirley was educated in the West Mifflin School District and was in the first group of students graduating from the new West Mifflin High School. In her youth she attended The Morning Star Baptist Church in West Mifflin where she was baptized under the pastorate of the late Reverend William Reeves. As a young teen, she was active in church life where she was president of the Youth Ministry and was instrumental in raising the money to purchase the church's first communion table.

After school Shirley attended Point Park College and over the years worked in a number of positions before gaining employment with the First Energy Corporation in Shippingsport, PA. She was a faithful employee, making the long daily commute before retiring after years of dedicated service. She was a graduate of The Hardy Bible School.

Shirley was united in marriage to Vailace Finch and from this union 2 daughters were born.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in West Mifflin where she held the position of associate pastor, church secretary, was in charge of new members, and was very proud of heading the church's annual vacation bible school program. She was active and involved in church life until her health no longer permitted her to do so.

She was the current recording secretary and a past president of the Allegheny Union Baptist Association. Shirley was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, and confidante who loved to preach, and teach the Word of God; but most of all, she was obedient to God's will.

She was impeccably dressed and her stylish hats were her trademark.

On July 14, 2016, the Lord, in His infinite wisdom called Shirley home. She is preceded in death by her parents and sister, Mabel Smith.

She leaves to honor and cherish her memory her two daughters, Dia (Earl Wanzo) and Faraja Finch-Barbour; sisters: Yvonne Moore, Dorothy Hawkins, Margie Sparks, and Lena Thoms; 6 grandchildren Jordan, Clayvon, and Nyasia Finch, Zion and Caleb Barbour, and Hassan Wanzo; nieces, nephews, cousins, her church family, and good friends too numerous to mention.

# Cemetery Details

## Jefferson Memorial Park

401 Curry Hollow Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of West Mifflin  
3427 Cypress Street  
West Mifflin, PA 15122

## Interment

JUL 19. 12:00 AM (ET)

Jefferson Memorial Park  
401 Curry Hollow Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

## Service

JUL 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of West Mifflin  
3427 Cypress Street  
West Mifflin, PA 15122



# Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Jane McLemore-Finch*

January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Shirley Jane McLemore-Finch*

January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *Your friends and colleagues at the VNA purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shirley Jane McLemore-Finch.*



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