



## Shirley Bentley

February 24, 1938 - April 25, 2025

Shirley Joyce Bentley was born February 24, 1938, to the late James Reeves and Bertha Searcy in Upson County Thomaston, Georgia, second to the oldest of six sibling, raised in Thomaston and graduated from Thomaston Training School. She joined St. Mary's A.M.E. Church at young age was very active with the youth ministry, she loved to sing, and used her gifts in the youth choir. She married Willie B. Bentley and birth five children that were raised in Boston, Massachusetts. Shirley was a devoted, loving mom to her children, they were her priority. While working at Columbia Point Day Care Center, she furthered her education and obtain her Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education, this great accomplishment, increase her passion and talents as a teacher in the classroom. In 1986, Shirley rededicated her life to and joined Good Shepherd Church of God in Christ and shared with her friend and coworker that she was born again. Ms. Shirley relocated back to Georgia in 1987, where she lived in Decatur and worked for Bright Horizons Learning Center until she retired. She enjoy have family and friend gatherings where she would sing and dance, being the life of party, well dressed, very creative in home decorating and her classroom. She leaves to cherish her memories to her children, William Anthony Bentley, Michael Todd Bentley, Cassandra Joy Bentley, and Susan Gay Bentley; ten grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; a host of cousins, nieces and

nephews; dear friend, Willie B. Bentley; one living sister, Patricia Reeves of Detroit, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Belinda Fay Bentley, and her four siblings, Sylvia Ann Pippins, Leroy Morris, Ike Morris, Jr, and Carrie Lowery.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 10. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church  
2941 Columbia Dr  
Decatur, GA 30034

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sunset Wreath was purchased for the family of Shirley Bentley.* ”



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