



Shirley E. Mack

May 11, 1947 - September 20, 2025

Shirley E. Mack, daughter of the late David Gilliam, Sr. and Margaret (Hill) Gilliam, was born on Sunday, May 11, 1947, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Shirley was educated in Guilford, North Carolina, where she graduated from North West High School. After moving back to Pennsylvania, she dedicated her life to caring for others. She worked faithfully with the Harrisburg School District and later with Playmate Daycare until her retirement. At one point, Shirley even had her home state-approved for more than thirty children, proof of her extraordinary love, patience, and devotion.

In her leisure, Shirley loved decorating her home, cooking meals for family, shopping at JC Penney, and taking pottery classes. Simple joys brought her the most peace, such as hanging her freshly washed clothes on the line outside. She was also a proud member of the Whip-O-Wheel Women's Club and enjoyed the friendships and fellowship she shared there. Shirley loved singing in the church choir, where her voice added warmth and joy to the worship experience.

Spiritually, Shirley was a member of Turner Memorial Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Richard Hampton. Her faith shaped her life and the way she poured into others with kindness, encouragement, and love.

On Saturday, September 20, 2025, Shirley peacefully transitioned from this life at seventy-eight years of age. In addition to her parents, she joined in eternal rest her beloved husband, George Mack, Jr.; her brothers, David Gilliam, Jr., Garry Gilliam, Michael Gilliam, and Darryl Gilliam; her maternal grandparents, James Hill and Willie Hill; paternal grandparents, Nellie Gilliam and Garfield Gilliam; and her aunt, Arcola Taylor.

Shirley's legacy of love will live on through her daughters, Tisha Mills (Rodney) and Nicole Mack; her Goddaughter, Chanel Wanner; her sisters, Hazel Gilliam (Ronald Jenkins, Sr.), April Gilliam, and Deborah Gilliam (Bishop Edgar Murphy); her brother, Pastor Harold Gilliam (Gloria); her grandchildren, Shayna Gillis, Andre Mack, Shauneece Mack, Cierra Mills, and Taliha Murray; and her great-grandchildren, Kennedi Martin, Jamari Mills-Burnett, Kaiden Mack, and Ayah Burhannan. She will also be deeply missed by her extended family, nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, and friends.

Shirley's passion for caring for others and her unwavering love for her family remain gifts that will continue to bless the lives of all who knew her. Her memory will be cherished and honored forever.

Cemetery Details

Paxtang Cemetery.

490 North Paxtang Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.
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Service

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Shirley E. Mack



Wallace Funeral Directors - September 30, 2025 at 10:11 AM

CW

“ My sincere condolences to the Mack family. I love seeing sis. Mack at church when I was younger. She was always a sweet and kind person. Chevette Williams-Jefferies

chevette williams-jefferies - October 01, 2025 at 03:55 PM

BP

“ Sorry for your loss. Ms. Shirley was good people! Watson Street forever!!! Brian Proctor



Brian Proctor - September 30, 2025 at 09:39 AM

EM

“ Mrs Shirley was a sweet and loving person and was a second mom to me away form home, always making me feel at home when I visited. You will need missed. Love Erica and family



Erica Murray-Richards - September 30, 2025 at 09:19 AM

CV

I will Shirley Mack ,, I love her so dearly. She will be missed.and I love doing her hair. I was her beautician.

Cheryl Vines - September 30, 2025 at 12:27 PM

TF

“ The Rucker Family lit a candle in memory of Shirley E. Mack



The Rucker Family - September 30, 2025 at 07:28 AM

JB

“ Jessica Brown purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Shirley E. Mack.



Jessica Brown - September 30, 2025 at 06:25 AM



“ I love you Aunt Shirley. Thank you for being a part of my upbringing and for always welcoming me with open arms. Rest well. 🕊️😇🙏❤️

Novella Chisholm - September 27, 2025 at 05:45 PM

AW

“ This beautiful poem just touches my heart and makes me think of my childhood with my Aunt Shirley and now that I'm adult I still remember those good times. Love you Auntie💕💕💕💕



Anita M Whitaker - September 26, 2025 at 06:28 PM

GG

“ We will miss Our Sister immensely. But we know she is rejoicing with the Lord. Scripture tells in Psalm 116:15
King James
“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.” Ministers H.E & Gloria Gilliam



Gill & Gloria - September 26, 2025 at 04:56 PM

LB

“ Love David, Gwen, Trea', Michael & Bree purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shirley E. Mack.



Love David, Gwen, Trea', Michael & Bree - September 26, 2025 at 04:49 PM

LR

“ I want to express my sincere condolences and prayers 🙏



Lucille Ray - September 26, 2025 at 04:20 PM

PJ

“ Priscilla Jackson lit a candle in memory of Shirley E. Mack



Priscilla Jackson - September 26, 2025 at 03:58 PM