



Sheila Blanks

February 8, 1956 - October 17, 2021

On the chilling day of February, 8th 1956. A beautiful baby girl was born. Joan and the late Willie R. Thurman were blessed with the birth of our sister Sheila. Sheila was always the easy going and soft spoken child out all the siblings. Sheila was born and grew up in Newark, New Jersey. She graduated from Essex County Vocational and Technical High School in Newark (Girl's Voc.), where she studied Sewing and Fashion Design. Sheila went on study fashion in New York at Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT).

Later, Sheila married and moved to Germany where her late son Travis A. Blanks was born in April of 1988. She later moved to Lilburn Georgia and her move lead her to find a second home in Salem Missionary Baptist Church. Sheila joined Salem Missionary Baptist Church with her son Travis and they were baptized in June 2009. Sheila developed a love for sign language and later became a part of the Sign Ministry at Salem Missionary Baptist Church.

She was a strong advocate for Lupus and Sarcoma Cancer always hoping and praying for a cure. She loved to read, bake for her family and friends and have a good laugh. Also, Sheila always had silly nick names for each of her siblings.

We are deeply heartbroken however, our love for our sister and the memories we share will sustained us until we meet again.

Sheila is survived by her mother Joan A. Thurman, Sister Beverly Sowell. Three brothers Richard B. Thurman, Matteen A. Beyah and Steven L. Thurman Sr. Two Sisters-in-laws Dr. Sandra Burton Thurman and Martha A. Thurman. Also, Sheila had several nieces, nephew and great nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Celebration of Life

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Salem Baptist Church
4700 Church Street
Lilburn, GA 30047

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear cousin, it's been so many years since we seen each other, but I have great memories when ya'll would visit 307 and the fun time together. Rest easy girl, if you run into my mom Aunt Vickie, please hug her for me. 🙏🙏🙏❤️

Mitzi Henry - October 27, 2021 at 01:44 PM

JJ

May You Rest in Peace 🙏

John H Henry Jr - October 28, 2021 at 07:29 AM

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“ 100 Black Men of North Metro Atlanta purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Sheila Blanks.



100 Black Men of North Metro Atlanta - October 27, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sheila Blanks.



October 27, 2021 at 09:01 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sheila Blanks.*



October 26, 2021 at 08:24 PM



“ *Sheila was a wonderful baker, she had a kind heart and was always willing to share her goodies. I sure enjoyed seeing her and being her taste tester..*



Debbie worthy - October 26, 2021 at 03:30 PM



“ *Richard B. Thurman lit a candle in memory of Sheila Blanks*



Richard B. Thurman - October 26, 2021 at 02:55 PM



God bless you all

Debbie worthy - October 26, 2021 at 03:27 PM



Shelia was sweet and had an easy going spirt. She is a woman of God. May god blessed her siblings and mother at this difficult time.

Dr. Sandra Burton Thurman October 28, 2021

Dr. Sandra Burton Thurman - October 28, 2021 at 01:29 AM

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To The Thurman Family-Ken and I pray that the sadness of no longer having your loved one be filled with many fond memories. Again, our prayers are with you.

*Sincerest condolences,
Ken and Freda Williams*

Freda Williams - October 29, 2021 at 02:21 PM