



Shirley Anne Williams-Mills

September 25, 1943 - September 12, 2025

Shirley Anne Williams-Mills (Elliott), affectionately known to many as “Shirley,” was born on September 25, 1943, in Saint Louis, Missouri, to James Monroe Elliott and the late Jennie Mae Bagby. She was the eldest of six siblings.

Shirley accepted Christ at an early age; her life was rooted in faith and family, which remained central to her throughout her years. In her early years, she sang in the choir, served as a Girl Scout, and ran track in high school.

In 1962, after graduating from Hadley Tech in St. Louis, Missouri, she moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where she built a full and vibrant life. In 1981, Shirley found her passion as a professional barber/hairstylist, a career she loved and through which she touched the lives of countless clients and friends.

Shirley was a faithful member of Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Reverend Jerry Black, where she found joy singing in the choir and fellowshiping with her fellow church members.

Shirley was known for her strong will, her deep generosity, and her unmatched sense of humor. She enjoyed music—especially dancing—watching movies, and spending time laughing with her family and friends. She had a gift for bringing joy into every room she entered. Shirley’s family and friends will forever remember her bright spirit, her caring heart, and her ability to make others smile.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving father, James Monroe Elliott; devoted daughters: Audrey “DD” Adams, Juanita “Kay” Jenkins, and Andrea “Suzanne” Kirkland; her honorary son, Nicholas Walker; her beloved sisters:

Anne Polk, Brenda Sanders, and Millie Hill-Byrd; her adored grand children: Tonya Johnson, Richard Adams, Brandon Carroway, Chloe Carroway, and Geniecia Price; a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Shirley's life and legacy will live on through the love, laughter, and lessons she instilled in those who knew her.

On September 12, 2025, Shirley peacefully entered eternal rest. She was preceded in death by her mother, Jennie Mae; her sister, Betty Elliott; her brother, Woodrow "Butters" Harris, Jr.; and her late husband, Sylvester Mills.

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church
2941 Columbia Dr
Decatur, GA 30034-4146
(404) 288-1910

Celebration of Life Service - Attend Live & or via Livestream

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Beulah Missionary Baptist Church
2340 Clifton Springs Rd
Decatur, GA 30034-2910
(404) 241-3307

Beulah Church Facebook Page

Tribute Wall



“ *She will be truly missed!! She looked out for all of us, 07' Drum Majors SWD. Love you and rest in peace.*

M Terry - September 29, 2025 at 10:10 PM



“ *K9s For Warriors purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Shirley Anne Williams-Mills.*



K9s For Warriors - September 29, 2025 at 01:51 PM

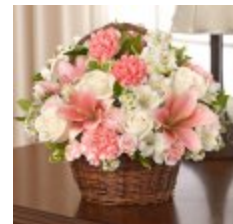


“ *K9s For Warriors planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Anne Williams-Mills.*

K9s For Warriors - September 29, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Shirley Anne Williams-Mills.*



September 28, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley Anne Williams-Mills.

September 28, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ The Parks Family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Shirley Anne Williams-Mills.



The Parks Family - September 18, 2025 at 06:23 PM