



## Ursula H. Shelton

November 6, 1936 - March 11, 2021

Ursula H. Shelton, 84, of Decatur, GA passed on Thursday, March 11, 2021. A Memorial Service Celebrating the Life of Ms. Shelton will be held 1:00 PM Friday, March 19, 2021, at our South Dekalb Chapel 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway Decatur, Georgia 30034. Attendance is by INVITATION only. This service will be live-streamed. Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home (404) 241-5656.

### Obituary

Ursula Hall Shelton, the youngest of three girls, was born on November 6, 1936 to the late Benjamin Franklin Hall and Louise Jackson Hall in Statesville, North Carolina. Her father Benjamin, a “Hidden Figure” in American history, was the first black supervisor in the Coca Cola Bottling Companies. Her mother Louise, an early graduate of Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia completed her teaching degree and taught school up until she married, only working as a substitute teacher thereafter. As a homemaker, Louise created a loving, nurturing, spiritual and religious environment for her children and husband.

Ursula lived her early years in Statesville, North Carolina and attended Elementary School from first through second grade. Later, she moved to her second home in York, Pennsylvania to complete the remainder of her elementary school education. Her family moved back to their first home in

North Carolina once more, where she finished most of her middle school and high school years. The family sold their property in North Carolina and made their final journey to Pennsylvania. Ursula finished her last two years of high school at William Penn Senior High School where she took accelerated courses in Foreign Languages, including French and Spanish. Along with her church activities, including being a delegate at Sunday School Conventions, Ursula managed to find time for Drama Club and piano lessons. She graduated with a College Prep Diploma in 1953. Her Ambition after high school was to become a French Interpreter for the United Nations.

At the age of 16, Ursula left home to attend Livingston College in Salisbury, NC where she immediately stood out as one of the top academic student leaders on campus. She spoke fluent French and would often be left by her Professor to teach the class upon their absence. This is where she met her former husband (now deceased), Waytus Clifford Shelton Sr. and they married in 1956 and had four children; Waytus C. Shelton Jr., Bradley D. Shelton, Patrice Marie Shelton Lassiter and Roland B. Shelton.

By this time, Ursula had made an earlier decision after two years of College to lessen the financial burden of her education on her parents. She decided to go home to York and enrolled in Thompson Business College where she graduated and secured a job with the Federal Governments Selective Services Division. Also, her future husband enlisted in the Army and they were married shortly before he had to report to his first duty station.

Ursula had numerous jobs in Pennsylvania, including a Federal job at Middletown Air Base where she worked as a secretary. Later, the family moved to Troutman, NC where Ursula spent her time as a homemaker assisting her children in their daily activities and lessons.

Ursula worked to sustain the family while her husband went back to college after he completed his time in the army.

After the passing of the 1960's Civil Rights Legislation, a new era of hope and opportunity for black college educated professionals drew many of them into the Atlanta metro area, including Ursula and her family. Her husband received

a fellowship to work on his Master's Degree at Atlanta University Center. As he became a prominent business and political leader in Atlanta, Ursula's top priority remained her children and their development.

She was an active member of the PTA at several schools. Ursula supported and protected her children, especially her black sons, as they integrated the Public School System. She supported all of her children's activities and assisted in the education of her children throughout their lives. In the home, she and her husband's motto was, "education begins at home, and then is enhanced by the Public School System."

Her various jobs in the early 1970's included working as a supervisor at Coastal States Insurance Company and as a Research Assistant at The State Law Department. Ursula became the first Black woman to be an administrative Assistant to the first Black Chancellor of the Georgia Board of Regents, Dr. Howard Jordan Jr. (former President of Savannah State College) in the 1970's. Part of her duties were conducting presentations for then Gov. Jimmy Carter.

Also, she became the first Black female secretary to be hired at Grady Memorial Hospital after integration, in the Medical Directors Office/Administration.

In 1995, Ursula reentered College at Georgia State University to complete what she started back in 1953. She completed her college education in 1995 at age 59 with a B.S. Degree in Public Administration. She graduated with honors having made the Dean's list most of her semesters. She would later be awarded with a scholarship from the American Association of University Women.

Ursula was a devoted mother and grandmother who was very involved in her family's lives. She was member of St. Phillip A.M.E Church and several auxiliary missions. She volunteered at the Neonatal Intensive Care Nursery at Grady Memorial Hospital, cradling and singing to the babies. Ursula was a devoted caregiver to both of her parents. Most importantly, she was a beacon

of light for her children, family and friends.

Please express your condolences here on our website.

Please click here to watch Live Stream <https://vimeo.com/525252222>

Due to the COVID-19, a mask is required to enter the Chapel.

In the event the service is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire service will be uploaded and available to view later in the day.

# Tribute Wall

TW

“ *Toni Woods lit a candle in memory of Ursula H. Shelton*



---

**Toni Woods** - May 04, 2021 at 10:05 PM

DE

“ *My Greatest Condolences- Mom Shelton was like a mother to me. Patrice and I shared many glorious moments at Decatur high School/ Cheerleading and in class courses together. I was often at their home and loved every minute of it! Thank you Mom Shelton for being so wonder and kind to me-Shell!*

*Dr Sherry Moon -Eberhart*

---

**Dr S Moon- Eberhart** - April 12, 2021 at 05:13 PM

VC

“ *Valerie and the E-Text Department at CIDI purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ursula H. Shelton.*



---

**Valerie and the E-Text Department at CIDI** - March 24, 2021 at 02:22 PM

SA

“ *My warmest condolences to the family and friends of Cousin Ursula. I am praying for your strength and blessings during this time. May peace forever be upon Cousin Ursula.*

*Samadia Shabazz Hamidullah (Cassandra McMillian) & Family*

---

**Samadia** - March 19, 2021 at 10:16 AM

JH

“ *Condolences and sympathy to the family of my cousin Ursula Hall Shelton. She led a life of kindness and warmth. May you cherish all the love-filled memories that will now mean more than ever. May God continue to give you strength and blessings.*

*Jennifer Jackson Harper and Family*

---

**Jennifer Harper** - March 18, 2021 at 07:02 PM

JM

“ *Ursula will be missed. May God continue to strengthen you all. Love, your cousin, Joanne Martin & Family.*

---

**Joanne Martin** - March 18, 2021 at 07:43 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ursula H. Shelton.*



---

March 17, 2021 at 07:46 PM

EC

“ I'm sending up prayers for The Shelton Family in the loss of their Mother Ursula H. Shelton, whom i loved so dearly and i really enjoyed my wonderful Cousin Ursula warm smile everytime i seen her she lights up my heart i will definitely miss her smile, Heaven has a Beautiful Angel  
Love ya ❤️

Eileen Jackson Carter - March 17, 2021 at 06:29 PM

EJ

My heart go out to my cousin Ursula's family. May your hearts and souls find peace and comfort. Please remember that GOD is with you all. Love from my family to yours. May GOD KEEP YOU.

Elaine Jackson-Coleman - March 17, 2021 at 07:13 PM

JM

Ursula will be missed.May God continue to strengthen you all.Love, your cousin Joanne Martin & family.

Joanne Martin - March 18, 2021 at 08:05 AM

RJ

“ To the Shelton family, and my first cousin Ursula. I am missing you and will miss you so much. All of my memories are of great times full of enjoyment and love. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted”-Matthew 5:4. Love Rob.

Robert Jackson - March 17, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ursula H. Shelton.



March 17, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Ursula H. Shelton.



---

March 15, 2021 at 01:02 PM



“ *We're all saddened at the news of your mother's passing. We know how much she meant to you. Please receive our most sincere condolences.*



---

**Palm Labs** - March 15, 2021 at 11:25 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ursula H. Shelton.



---

March 15, 2021 at 11:19 AM