



Shirley Ann Moulton

November 13, 1954 - March 16, 2026

Shirley Ann Moulton was born November 13, 1954 in Kingsport Tennessee, to loving parents, Kenneth and Frankie B. Smith. She was the 5th child of six loving children, Yvonne, Ken Jr, Jackie, Emmanuel and Leroy. Shirley said goodbye to us on Monday, Marth 16, 2026.

While Shirley always carried herself as a true Southern belle, her father, Kennth Smith Senior, opened new opportunities for the family when he joined Caterpillar and moved them to Joliet, Illinois.

Shirley and her family primarily grew up in the house “at the bottom of the hill” on Edge Hill Avenue. Shirley graduated from Joliet Central High School in 1972 and then attended college.

In 1975, Shirley married James Moulton III, from this Union, three children were born: Shanta Frances, Jaron Darell and Jamara DeShon.

Shirley had a nurturing and kind spirit and her most valued job was being a homemaker and mother to her three children. For this reason, it was no surprise that once she decided to work outside the home, her character led her to help others. Shirley was a teacher’s aide at Fairmont Middle School in her early adult years. Later in life, she chose a position at Trinity Services, where she was a teacher to developmentally disabled adults. At different

times over the years, Shirley's caring nature led her to welcome three of her nieces and nephews into her home and raise them as her own. Shirley treated all her nieces, nephews and her children's friends (with a mother's love). Shirley also took great pride in being a major part in helping raise her grandchildren. Shirley was a daddy's girl through and through, and with that same caring love she took her mom Frankie B. into her home when she was no longer able to live alone.

Shirley loved listening to R&B Music, new and old. She was always sitting outside on someone's porch with her brothers, sisters, sisters-in-law, Ruby and Vera M., close friends, Vera J., Carolyn and many more.

Shirley is known for loving gardening and planting plants and flowers. She grew vegetables in her backyard garden and enjoyed tending to the garden at her mom's house. Shirley loved sharing the fruits of her labor, passing out green tomatoes and other vegetables she grew to family, friends and neighbors. Shirley's home was surrounded with plants and flowers that she loved to share and even taught some of us how to grow them on our own.

Shirley, known by many as Shirl Ann, was a sweet and kindhearted lady and was loved by many. Shirley was strong willed, (ok...stubborn). That stubbornness gave her the strength to fight her condition over her last years of life. Shirley suffered a stroke in 2016, but that did not stop her from getting out in the yard and planting her garden, flowers and plants. It didn't stop her from getting in her truck and visiting family, and it did not stop her from sitting in her driveway or on her front porch visiting with friends, family and playing with her grandchildren.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents, Frankie and Kenneth Smith; two brothers, Ken Junior, and Emmanuel; one sister, Yvonne Stevenson and grandson, Jamara DeShon Jr.

Shirley leaves precious memories to her children: Shanta Moulton, Jamara (Chanel) Moulton and Jaron (Frances) Moulton; grandchildren, A'Neitra (Steve), Jamar, Jaren, Vincent, Ashlei, Jeremiah, Jeremy and Jasiah; great grandchildren, Shai and Milani; her sister, Jackie and brother, Leroy; and a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (cst)

Delgado Funeral Chapel
400 Landau Ave.
Joliet, IL 60432
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Memorial Service

MAR 28. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Delgado Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Shirley Ann Moulton*



Delgado Funeral Chapel - March 28 at 10:01 AM

AH

Cousin,, you're gonna be missed my deepest sympathy! 🙏❤️100

Angela Horton - March 28 at 02:59 PM

KE

“ *Aunt Shirley, so many memories: Sweet red Kool-Aid in the little colorful cups (but not until our plates were clean). Running through the sprinklers in the yard. Getting my hair french braided. Yellow cake with chocolate frosting and so much more. You treated me the same as your own kids when I was at your house (which was a lot) getting fussed at and all. I will cherish those memories. It'll be strange coming home to visit and not seeing you. So I'll wait patiently until I see you again in paradise. Love, Kenya*

Kenya - March 28 at 03:59 PM

LI

“ Words, no matter how kind, will always fall short. They may not be able to relieve the heartache, but those who care for you pray for your peace and comfort. We love you.

The one thing that I remember about Shirley is her loving kindness. Something she had in abundance and shared with everyone. The world was a a better place because she was in it. And a lesser place now that she's been called home. Family dinners won't be the same without her presence. But her love will still be there. I am going to miss you. Liz

Liz - March 28 at 11:26 AM

CM

“ My heart hurts having to say goodbye to you, Auntie Shirley. You meant so much to me, more than I probably ever got to say out loud. Thank you for your love, your presence, and the way you showed up in my life. I'll never forget you. I know you're at peace now, watching over me. I love you always Forever ya Fave Clorissa

Clorissa Jalani Moulton - March 27 at 10:50 PM

TF

“ The Robinson Family lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann Moulton



The Robinson Family - March 27 at 05:51 PM

JF

“ Joliet Titans Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shirley Ann Moulton.



Joliet Titans Family - March 27 at 02:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Moulton.



March 27 at 08:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley Ann Moulton.

March 27 at 08:56 AM

RB

“ Rest in Perfect Peace Shirley Ann. Memories of you and all your Brothers and Sister and Mother and Father are vivid to me. We all treasured having you and your family as friends of the Brown Family. I will forever remember how much fun we all had with the Smith family over the years. I will always treasure our closeness and love and respect we all shared together. Sweetest person I have ever met. See you on the other side!

Ray Brown - March 25 at 06:25 PM

DC

*It was a pleasure to have her
. Such a kind person.*

Darlene Crosby - March 26 at 03:49 PM

TE

“ *To Moulton Family. I'm sending my condolences to the family. I met Mrs. Shirley a few years ago good person with a beautiful spirit very soft spoken. I talked about my daughter's she talked about her grandsons. REST NOW NO MORE PAIN. May our Heavenly Father give the family strength. Tennille Family* ❤️ 🙏

Tennille - March 23 at 07:28 PM

MP

“ *Sending my Sincere Condolences to Shirley
entire family take your rest beautiful soul* 🙏
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Margie Parrish - March 23 at 07:34 AM

TF

“ *Rip Mrs Shirley... Great Person....*

Tanisha Fox - March 23 at 06:25 AM

LM

“ *I am praying for peace, comfort and strength during this very sad
time. Love you family.*

Lisa Moulton - March 21 at 12:51 AM

CL

“ My Sincere condolences, praying for God's Comfort and Peace to rest upon the heart's and mind's of Shirley's immediate Family during this time of grief and sorrow. 🙏
Cousins, you're in my prayers!!
Lisa (Charlotte, NC)

Chelice (Lisa) Lockhart-Williams - March 20 at 06:33 PM

CS

“ Dear Friend, your gone, but not forgotten. You will forever be in my heart! "Rest In Heaven".
Carolyn Smith

Carolyn Smith - March 20 at 06:30 PM

EA

My prayers go out to the Smith and Robinson families especially Jackie my heart hurts for you to lose your sister is very hard but we are looking forward to seeing her after this old system ends. There will be no more tears no more pain you are all in my thoughts and prayers 🙏
❤️👍
Emma Larkins Adams

Emma Larkins Adams - March 21 at 02:29 AM

EF

To the Smith family

Emma Larkins Adams Friend - March 24 at 03:53 AM