



Shirley Collie

October 5, 1931 - October 15, 2017

Shirley Jane Rhea Collie, 86 of Johnson City, passed away Sunday October 15, 2017 at the Johnson City Medical Center following a brief illness surrounded by her family.

She was a native of Johnson City and the daughter of the Late Monty and Ruby Griffith Rhea.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Monty Rhea, Jr., and one great-grandson, Jared Isom.

Shirley was educated in the Johnson City School System, and a proud member of the Langston High School community. She continued promoting education by founding the first black preschool and kindergarten, Carver Preschool and Kindergarten, in Johnson City at Carver Recreation Center in the early 1960's.

She was the owner of The Rose of Sharon, a wedding decoration and catering service for 46 years. She retired from Inter Mountain Telephone Company after 25 years of service.

Shirley was a member of the vocal gospel groups, The Heavenly Echoes and Echoes of Zion during the 1960's. She joined Friendship Baptist Church as a young girl and was baptized by the late Rev. S. L. Hall. Later she was a member of Mount Hope FB Holiness Church, Thankful Baptist Church, Friendship Baptist Church, and Philippi Baptist Church. She served each congregation faithfully as a member of the choir, Missionary Society, decorating committee, VBS and Sunday School teacher.

She leaves to mourn her husband of 67 years, Hugh C. Collie; one son, Christopher Collie; three daughters, Huetta Isom, Ovetta Thomas(Charles), Lisa Sanders(Allen); 9 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two special friends, Agnes Horton and Dorothy Vaught.

The family will receive friends on Sunday October 22, 2017 from 3:00pm until 4:00pm at Friendship Baptist Church in Johnson City, followed by A Celebration of Life. A graveside service will be held on Monday October 23, 2017 at 10:45am at the Mountain Home National Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church
522 W. Main St
Johnson City, TN 37601

Service

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church
522 W. Main St
Johnson City, TN 37601

Interment

OCT **23**. 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mountain Home National Cemetery
53 Memorial Ave
Mountain Home, TN 37684

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Collie

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ Nzinga(Vanessa)AmaLinton lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie



Nzinga(Vanessa)AmaLinton - December 29, 2017 at 09:41 AM



“ Roxie Bailey lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie



Roxie Bailey - October 30, 2017 at 07:57 PM



“ Buddy Stuart lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie



Buddy Stuart - October 26, 2017 at 04:48 PM

KM

“ We love you grandma Shirley it was so hard to imagine you gone and I am so sorry That Noah and me didn't attend your service but we just were not ready to say goodbye to anyone else... I am jealous you are with my angel Kiss Jared Isom for me and please watch over us all just like I know he is doing I am so glad we got this picture of you at Noah's graduation ❤️



Kathy Marshall - October 26, 2017 at 12:27 PM

TM

“ Teresa "Sis" McAdams lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie



Teresa "Sis" McAdams - October 23, 2017 at 04:13 PM

RF

“ Many childhood memories will never be forgotten. Thank you for the love you gave to me and my siblings.



Reneè Forney - October 22, 2017 at 03:23 PM

JB

“ *Jovan Bass lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Jovan Bass - October 22, 2017 at 02:17 PM

TR

“ *Tiffany Ryans lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Tiffany Ryans - October 21, 2017 at 10:38 PM


Heather
Reanee

“ *Grandma Shirley you were such a godly role model to me. Thank you for all the love you showed me over the years. I love you!!*

Heather Reanee - October 21, 2017 at 07:58 PM

TF

“ *I grew up with Shirley. She passed our house going to Langston everyday. Always had a smile or a kind word. She was an inspiration to all as she grew into Womanhood. I was constantly amazed at her talents, her caring for others, her community service. To the family. May the Lord soothe your souls at this time of great sorrow and may you rejoice in the Celebration of her Life.*

Thelma Owens Fleming - October 21, 2017 at 07:49 PM



“ *Prince Woolwine lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Prince Woolwine - October 21, 2017 at 06:44 PM



“ *Prince Woolwine lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Prince Woolwine - October 21, 2017 at 06:43 PM



“ *Tina & Ailine Erik & Tim purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Shirley Collie.*



Tina & Ailine Erik & Tim - October 21, 2017 at 04:12 PM

RF

“ My condolences to the entire Collie family during this difficult time. I had known Mrs. Collie for 55 of my 59 years. She was the first adult that I knew outside of my family. I spent much of my early years and summers in Johnson City. I spent part time as a 4-year-old in Mrs. Collie's class. My grandparents lived 2 doors down (Rev and Mrs Owens) and I have been friends with Chris since we were both four. I spent countless hours at the Collie house and I always admired the love that she had for her family and the Lord. She was a tireless worker and always praising the Lord. She instilled discipline in Chris and I that I didn't appreciate as a young child. That discipline turned out to be a blessing in later years.

There are so many great memories that are too numerous to share. Although I have been away from Johnson City lately, she and the Collie family have always been dear to my heart. I last saw and spoke with her earlier this year at my aunt Peachie Owens' funeral. She was as warm and delightful that day as I remember from childhood.

I know she will be missed by many here on this earth, but we can delight in the fact that she is with the Lord.

Ron Fleming - October 21, 2017 at 03:26 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Collie.



October 21, 2017 at 03:20 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Collie.*



October 21, 2017 at 11:39 AM



“ *Rebecca Palmer lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Rebecca Palmer - October 21, 2017 at 10:15 AM



“ *Ron and Jan Fleming and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Shirley Collie.*



Ron and Jan Fleming and family - October 21, 2017 at 09:02 AM



“ *Ava Birks Holt and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shirley Collie.*



Ava Birks Holt and family - October 21, 2017 at 12:26 AM

CL

“ Carolyn Livingston lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie



Carolyn Livingston - October 20, 2017 at 10:06 PM

AT

“ Momma Collie, Wow you were/are such a wonderful example of how we are suppose to treat each other. Endless energy and a Superb Spirit. We will truly miss you, We Love You. Shirley, Arnold and Pearl.



Arnold Thomas - October 20, 2017 at 09:12 PM

GF

“ Gary & Moricina Fain lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie



Gary & Moricina Fain - October 20, 2017 at 07:50 PM

GF

Love you Mrs. Collie. You were the best preschool teacher ever. I will cherish my memories of you. We're praying for the family.

Gary & Moricina Fain - October 20, 2017 at 07:53 PM

PT

“ *PaulettaHale Thomas lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



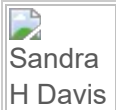
PaulettaHale Thomas - October 20, 2017 at 05:11 PM

MC

“ *You didn't get to see it, but I believe you somehow knew. We at Phillippi honored you on Oct.14, so sorry you weren't there to receive your flowers while you yet lived. Thanks for your love and encouragement. I am going to miss you so much. Love, Margaret*



Margaret Cannon - October 20, 2017 at 03:29 PM



Sandra
H Davis

Collie Family. Your loving matriarch will long be remembered by us for her loving spirit & encouragement! Gone but never forgotten! With love, Robert & Sandi Davis

Sandra H Davis - October 21, 2017 at 05:11 PM

MC

“ *Margaret Cannon lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Margaret Cannon - October 20, 2017 at 03:24 PM



“ *Barry Owens Jr. lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Barry Owens Jr. - October 20, 2017 at 03:07 PM

MC

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Margaret Cannon - October 20, 2017 at 02:18 PM

KT

“ *Keitha Thompson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Keitha Thompson - October 20, 2017 at 12:34 PM

RS

“ *My name is Regina Smith, I was, a proud student,taught by Ms. Shirley Collie at the Historical first black Preschool/Kindergarten located at Carver Recreation Center. Thank you Ms Collie for a lifetime of knowledge education and inspiration .*

Regina Smith - October 20, 2017 at 11:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Collie.*



October 20, 2017 at 10:09 AM



“ *Constance Stephens lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Constance Stephens - October 20, 2017 at 05:08 AM



My name is Regina Smith, I was a proud student of the first historical black Preschool and Kindergarten thought by Ms. Shirley Collie. Thanks you for a lifetime of knowledge, education and inspiration.

Regina Smith - October 20, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ *Susan Rhea lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



susan rhea - October 19, 2017 at 09:26 PM

LC

“ Laurice Coxe lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie



Laurice Coxe - October 19, 2017 at 09:16 PM

LC

This candle is lit in memory of Shirley Collie and our happy days of singing together as the Harmonettes.

Laurice Coxe - October 19, 2017 at 09:25 PM

LP

“ Lisa Peeler lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie



Lisa Peeler - October 19, 2017 at 06:28 PM

LB

“ L. Beard sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Collie



L. Beard - October 19, 2017 at 04:48 PM

LB

I am sadden to hear of your loss, especially for a powerful woman of God as Mrs. Collie; our prayers for comfort, peace and God's loving arms shield you through it all. Much love, the Beard's

L. Beard - October 19, 2017 at 04:51 PM

LB

“ *Lisa Bell lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Lisa Bell - October 19, 2017 at 03:00 PM

JL

“ *JACKIE LEEPER lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



JACKIE LEEPER - October 19, 2017 at 02:32 PM



“ *Mrs. Shirley was everybody's mom. I can remember her directing and catering my wedding some 28 years ago and she was just as bright and wonderful then as she was before her passing. She was well respected throughout the community, she didn't say I'll tell your mom, she would set you straight herself. And that woman know she could sang, preach and shout! She will be greatly missed. God give comfort to the family.*

T.R. Dunn - October 19, 2017 at 10:38 AM

MJ

“ *Melvin Drumgoole Jr. lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Melvin Drumgoole Jr. - October 19, 2017 at 03:50 AM

FF

“ Fred And Jackie Fields lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie



Fred and Jackie Fields - October 18, 2017 at 10:54 PM

WS

“ Willie & Liz Scott lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie



Willie & Liz Scott - October 18, 2017 at 10:11 PM

SS

“ Sandy. Sylvers lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie



Sandy. Sylvers - October 18, 2017 at 08:51 PM

RS

“ Rev. Christine Scurry lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie



Rev. Christine Scurry - October 18, 2017 at 08:32 PM

PD

“ *Pauline Douglas lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Pauline Douglas - October 18, 2017 at 07:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Collie.*



October 18, 2017 at 04:43 PM

CO

“ *Connie lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Connie - October 18, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ *Carla Forney lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Carla Forney - October 18, 2017 at 10:07 AM

BH

“ *Bob Hall lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Bob Hall - October 18, 2017 at 09:13 AM

RO

“ *Robert lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Robert - October 18, 2017 at 09:09 AM

JB

“ *I was devastated to hear of Shirley's death. I have loved her and the Collie family for many years. My deepest condolences to you all.*
Judy Baxter

Judy Baxter - October 17, 2017 at 06:59 PM

MR

“ *Michael & Candy Redd lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Michael & Candy Redd - October 17, 2017 at 03:07 PM

RB

“ *Roddy Bird lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Roddy Bird - October 17, 2017 at 02:32 PM

AT

“ *Angel Turner lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Angel Turner - October 17, 2017 at 02:04 PM

SW

“ *Stacie Workman lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Stacie Workman - October 17, 2017 at 01:11 PM

KC

“ *Keysha Charles lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Keysha Charles - October 17, 2017 at 10:22 AM

ML

“ *Ms. Julia Anderson/ Letcher lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Ms. Julia Anderson/ Letcher - October 17, 2017 at 08:12 AM

DJ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Deborah Haynes Jamison - October 17, 2017 at 08:06 AM

DJ

“ *Deborah Haynes Cutler Jamison lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Deborah Haynes Cutler Jamison - October 17, 2017 at 08:00 AM

DM

“ *Darrell & Janice Murphy lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Darrell & Janice Murphy - October 17, 2017 at 07:28 AM



“ *Pamela Renea lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Pamela Renea - October 17, 2017 at 07:23 AM



“ *Kathy Brown Mills lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Kathy Brown Mills - October 16, 2017 at 09:28 PM



“ *Angelo Newman lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Angelo Newman - October 16, 2017 at 08:53 PM



“ *Evelyn Debro lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Evelyn Debro - October 16, 2017 at 08:51 PM

AJ

“ Angelo Newman Jr lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie



Angelo Newman Jr - October 16, 2017 at 08:49 PM

CR

“ Clara F Rutledge lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie



Clara F Rutledge - October 16, 2017 at 07:54 PM

CR

Mama Collie (as she was to many of us) is singing in the Heavenly choir, walking and shouting on the Golden Streets of Glory. Heaven's gain is our earthly loss BUT if we follow her lead, we will see her again. May you, Daddy Collie, Son, Daughters, Grandchildren, Nephews, Nieces, and the extended family be comforted by our Heavenly Father as His Comforting Arms envelope each of us and gives you peace beyond ALL understanding. I Love You.

Clara F Rutledge - October 16, 2017 at 08:00 PM

CB

“ Chandra Bridwell lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie



Chandra Bridwell - October 16, 2017 at 07:16 PM



“ *Ms. Shirley Collie has been a true inspiration to all that have known her over the years! I was glad to have the opportunity to hear her sing when we had the Homecoming Choir for the Friendship Baptist Church Anniversary! We'll ALL miss her smile, singing, spirit and all of the above. I'm so glad that me and my family got a chance to know her and she will ALWAYS AND FOREVER be in my heart!!!*

*Sincerely,
Howie Kemper & Family*

Howie Kemper - October 16, 2017 at 05:32 PM

TB

“ *Trish Bristol lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Trish Bristol - October 16, 2017 at 04:27 PM

NP

“ *Nancy Posey lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Nancy Posey - October 16, 2017 at 03:11 PM



“ *Claudia Goines lit a candle in memory of Shirley Collie*



Claudia Goines - October 16, 2017 at 02:44 PM



“ *Mary Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Collie*



Mary Rollins - October 15, 2017 at 08:10 PM



Condolences from the Rollins Family will be PRAYING for you all

Mary Rollins - October 15, 2017 at 08:11 PM