



Carrie Lee Shivers

October 29, 1923 - September 4, 2021

Carrie Lee Shivers was born on October 29, 1923 in McWilliams, Alabama to the late Willie and Alberta Miles. She shared early life with her four siblings, Alabama Reese, Dillard Miles, Javon Miles (all predeceased) and her youngest sister, Charity Steans. The second born of five siblings, and as is characteristic of a second born, Carrie charted her own course, did things her way. She was determined as evidenced by the words of her most favorite song. The chorus says, If you can't help me, please don't stop me, move out of my way, don't try to block me, I got a race to run, and I'm running by faith, at the finishing line, I'll see God's face.

Carrie set out on that journey and was educated in the Monroe County School System. Not only did she attend school but had a steady diet of Sunday School which led her to Jesus Christ at a very early age. At the Mt Zion AME Church, McWilliams, Alabama, the church "down the creek", she sang on the choir and participated in every aspect of church life. Her spiritual development continued as one of the founding members and builders of Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, initially established in a brand-new structure on Western Avenue, Glens Falls New York.

On September 9, 1940, Carrie met and married Samuel L. Shivers and from that union was blessed with her one and only child. Zelma was the apple of her eye and the two of them nurtured a wonderful mother daughter relationship. She was the beloved mother of Zelma Plummer (Raphael "Tony"), the loving grandmother of two granddaughters, Raquel Cherry (Anthony) and Rochelle Plummer-Prince (Thomas). She took much delight in her five great grandchildren, Jhaena R. Horne, Sydney E. Prince, Brayden Prince, Kristofer Cherry, and Kordell Cherry. And, not long ago, during a particularly tough time in her illness, she "perked up" enough to meet and hold the youngest member of her brood, great, great grandson Baby Amias Paige!

In her earlier years, Carrie loved to go fishing and, in her desire to eat, she made cooking a favorite pastime--none of that fish would go to waste! She was also quite the

hairdresser, doing everyone's hair

especially because black hair is labor intensive requiring much of her time effort and patience. There was very little that she could not do—she sewed clothes, she traveled, canned fruits vegetables and preserves, visited the sick and the well. If you saw her at Elmo's, you also know she loved music and dancing! Did you know that she was a member of the Order of Eastern Star – Deborah Chapter #619 in Alabama where she would tell us that they were going to “ride the goats”? As kids, we would listen outside to see if we could hear the hoofs of those goats on the wood floor of their meeting house. She was able to keep a lifelong secret because until this day, we still do not know what they did in those

Eastern Star meetings! A funny sight was to see her and her sister Charity in the garden tending to their vegetables--you would wonder just how the two of them could so prominently “bend over” (or they would say “dooded up”) in that garden for such an extended period of time, all the while talking about their aches and pains!

On her work journey, she worked many jobs to provide for her family--too many to mention here, however most would remember her years at Hastrand Nursing Home and Binches Latex Company in Glens Falls and at finally at General Electric in Hudson Falls where she retired on December 31, 1986.

Carrie served consistently and faithfully as a cherished member of the Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church for more than seventy (70) years sharing her gifts of service and hospitality as a Communion Steward, as a choir member, on the Ushers' Board, on many Women's Day and other church committees and whatever was needed. She sincerely loved singing the hymns of the church like Blessed Assurance, or Jesus is all the World to Me or On The Battlefield For My Lord or What A Friend We Have In Jesus or the more recent gospel song, I need Just a Little More Jesus. As a verse of her favorite song says, Lord give me time to run this race, or to accept thy grace. I got a few more mountains and hills to climb. He'll be waiting at the finishing line. Jesus answered and gave her much time and grace to run her race. For ninety-seven (97) years she ran her race over mountains and hills and on September 4, 2021, Jesus meet her at the finishing line.

Carrie leaves to mourn her passing her loving family, friends, and her faithful and caring Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church family, many of whom served as her caregivers during her lengthy illness—THANK YOU!

A funeral service will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 15 Nelson Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801 with Reverend Leonard A. Oates officiating. Family and friends may call from 11 am to 12 noon prior to the service at the church.

A graveside service will be held at Glens Falls Cemetery, Bay Road, Glens Falls, NY 12801 following the service at the church.

Due to the ongoing public health concerns of COVID-19 social distancing as well as mandatory wearing of a face mask is required.

Events

SEP 11 **Calling Hour** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Faith Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
15 Nelson Street, Glens Falls, NY, US, 12801

SEP 11 **Funeral Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ So saddened to hear about "Aunt Carrie", sending our love and prayers to the family -

Crickett, Dennis & Bre O'Dell

Crickett O'Dell - September 12, 2021 at 09:41 PM



“ Hi Zelma,
This is Barbara Greenhill Eckenfelder. I was sorry to read of the passing of your mother in the Post Star this past week. i have wondered so many times over the years where you were and how you were doing. If you have any interest in reconnecting (I hope you do.), you can contact me at barbeckenfelder@yahoo.com. Over 30 years ago my husband and I moved to Glens Falls and have been here ever since. We just celebrated our 59th anniversary this past Wednesday. If you remember Joanie Taylor who worked with us at the bank you might be interested to know that she and I are still close friends.
If we reconnect I can fill you in on what my life has been like in the last 59 years, which is probably how long it has been since we have seen each other.

Sending condolences and hugs your way, Barb

Barbara Eckenfelder - September 12, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ I remember some lovely talks with Mrs. Shivers and another lady some years ago. I would see them and they always were so Sweet, Cheerful and Friendly. and call me over . My goodness I missed those lovely ladies after I retired. God be with Ms. Carrie and her Family. I love this picture you posted of her as it shows her lovely smile and kind spirit. God Bless you Charity may you Rest Peacefully in the Arms of Our Lord.
Sincerely,
Bea Dodop

Beatrice L Didio - September 12, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ What A beautiful lady an person. it was always A joy To meet her in the halls of Cronin and chat always upbeat and a joy to meet rest in peace darling lady

JUDY TALBOT - September 09, 2021 at 07:49 AM