



## Shirley Hamlin

January 12, 2026

Shirley “Shirl” Hamlin, daughter of the late Columbus and Dollie Zimmerman Hamlin, was born on March 12, 1947, in Timmonsville. She transitioned on January 12, 2026.

Shirley graduated from Johnson High School. She received an Associate's Degree in Business from Baruch Community College and Medgar Evers College in NY. She worked as an Executive Secretary for Merrill Lynch. After moving back to Florence, SC, she worked for the Community Action Agency.

Shirley loved to create and decorating was her favorite hobby. She could take rocks, paint, nails, or whatever she could find and turn it into a work of Art. She would often say turn your “Scars into Stars”, as she knew firsthand having endured many life challenges and always turned it positive.

She loved People and knew how to entertain and made sure everyone was having a good time. It wasn't a celebration unless there was music playing and there was laughter. She was known for giving honest advice and had a heart for helping others.

Shirley leaves to live out Love and Happiness: daughter, Cheryl Hamlin (James) Sherman, Grandson Jayden Semaj Sherman; sisters, Bernetha Monk, Della Hamlin, Rosa Hamlin, Carolyn Davis, and Audrey Hickson (Sister

friend); brothers, Larry Hamlin and the Late John (Betty)Hamlin; along with loving nieces, nephews, and close friends.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sansbury Cemetery

757 E Main St

Timmonsville, SC 29161

# Tribute Wall

MI

“ *Missing You Friend*

*I remember ... all of the good times we shared over the years*

*I remember ... that when I was in the area, your house was my Bed & Breakfast and I would sleep in while you were busy entertaining others, digging in your yard, or going on your merry way*

*I remember ... you answering my phone calls by saying "I'm the same ole soup just warmed over"*

*I remember all of these memories and many more. I think of you everyday and I am going to miss you my friend.*

*Love,*

*Cookie*

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**Missy** - January 28 at 05:11 PM

MR

“ *Marcella Redding lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamlin*



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**Marcella Redding** - January 18 at 03:59 PM

“ I remember times visiting Aunt Shirl'.

Happiness and fashion radiated within that home 🧡

Whenever I would join Mommy in stopping by, the ladies always did their girlfriend thing, just sitting pretty in the enclosed front porch and catching up.

Their girltalk always gave me time to explore and Auntie Shirl's home was so magical to me 💜

I remember feeling peaceful there, and there was just a sanctity about two friend girls spending time with each other.

Aunty Shirl' was groovy and always so stylish, her daughter, too 💜

That always stayed with me. They were uplifting 🙏

I wanted that as a standard of endearment in my relationships and I found that being solo could also be a blessing as well 💜

I felt like it was okay to be myself in Aunty Shirl's home, and that was a freedom indeed, to be free of the opinions of others.

Auntie Shirl' may not have known it, but when I visited her I felt spoken into. Her choosing to speak life into me helped to build a foundation that no one could mess with. She spoke life by instilling acceptance of self, and that alone provided a way for abundance and excellence to bloom 💜

She made it seem cool to rock by herself and to be yourself 🗄️

Her home was so serene to me.

Deer roamed the area and artistic design was a passion cultivated within her decorations.

A sense of safety resided there, and that put me in a state of awe, seeing that Auntie Shirl' didn't mind having her own space away from the world. She took pride in her surroundings and it reminded me of my Mommy 🗄️

These women had been cut different and a strong cloth were they cut from 💜

My dad brought me by at least one time for a small party, and I just remember the laughter and the feeling of joy coming from the gathering. It was something so soothing in a world that chooses to

*hustle & bustle 25/8.*

*I loved that laughter, and although I can't remember the conversation, I remember the vibes.*

*Auntie Shirl' was LOVE and she chose to LOVE. She radiated a sense of joy that other people were drawn into 🙏*

*We never know the hour or the time when we will all eventually leave.*

*Many times, life just pulls us away from what really matters 🙏*

*Please ❤️*

*Remember to carve out time with the people who love you.*

*The people who include you.*

*The ones who you can sit with and feel safe in their presence.*

*Exemplify HOW to be a good person ☐*

*Learn what it means to BE a good person 🙏*

*Let your folks know that you care and that you love them.*

*I pray you rest in eternal power, Auntie Shirl'. Thank you for what you chose to instill in me.*

*Thank you for being a friend to my Mama, and for being good to me*



*Love took deep root because of your example.*

*I thank you and honor your life for that ☐*

*Aunty, Auntie*

*Both are terms of endearment*

*Ones I wish I could have used more 💜*

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**Carmen Pendergrass** - January 18 at 12:04 AM

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**Carmen Pendergrass** - January 18 at 12:03 AM

LH

“ To my dear sister Shilrey, I will miss you so, so my, we had a lot of great times together, which included much laughter. You've done so many great things for me which I greatly appreciates. You will forever remain in my heart. I share my grief with Cheryl, James, Jayden and the entire Hamlin family and friends.

*Love and Peace Always*

*Your Brother,*

*Larry Hamlin*

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**Larry Hamlin** - January 17 at 02:20 PM

MK

“ To the Hamlin family I send my deepest condolences. Ever since I've known her she's been the life of the party. Her and her close friend,my aunt Janey "Shirley " Wonsley. May your soul be at peace and rest well Ms Hamlin. Love Marcus K.



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**Marcus Kirkland** - January 17 at 10:36 AM

MI

“ Missy lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamlin



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**Missy** - January 16 at 04:58 PM

J1

“ *JHS Class Of 1964 lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamlin*



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**JHS Class of 1964** - January 16 at 03:38 PM

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“ *JHS Class Of 1968 lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamlin*



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**JHS Class of 1968** - January 16 at 03:38 PM

MW

“ *Mary Franklin Wilson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamlin*



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**Mary Franklin Wilson** - January 16 at 03:33 PM

BW

“ *Bernetha Woods Witherspoon*



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**Bernetha Witherspoon** - January 16 at 12:37 PM

LR

“ *Levon & Vernell Robinson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shirley Hamlin.*



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**Levon & Vernell Robinson** - January 16 at 09:46 AM

LR

“ *Levon & Vernell Robinson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Hamlin.*

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**Levon & Vernell Robinson** - January 16 at 09:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Hamlin.*



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January 15 at 10:46 PM

LH

“ *Linda Holloman lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamlin*



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**Linda Holloman** - January 15 at 08:45 AM

MM

“ *Maggie Mack lit a candle in memory of Shirley Hamlin*



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**Maggie Mack** - January 14 at 12:46 PM

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**Maggie Mack** - January 14 at 12:45 PM

JS

“ *Jacqueline E. Sellers sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Hamlin*



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**Jacqueline E. Sellers** - January 13 at 10:50 AM