



## Mrs. Shirley Holmes DeMary

September 12, 1956 - October 20, 2023

Shirley Elizabeth Holmes DeMary, daughter of the late Sarah Mae Holmes and Carl Robinson, was born September 12, 1956 at Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville, NC. She departed this earthly life on Friday, October 20, 2023.

Shirley received her elementary and secondary education from Cumberland County schools. She graduated from South View High School. She would further her education and graduate with a Bachelors and Masters in Education from Fayetteville State University.

Shirley was a National Board-certified educator and taught Kindergarten through 6th grade. She also taught on weekends with the Fayetteville State Pre-College program. Education was truly her passion. She was a devoted teacher for over 30 years. Her teaching career encompassed providing education in 5 states. She loved her “babies” (family, friends, & students). She was a firm believer that knowledge is power!

Despite her illness her faith in God was strong. To know her truly was to love her. She was a special earthly angel and a true blessing to so many people. She honored God through her service to her family, community, and church. Her acts of faith inspired others to remain faithful to God’s will.

Surviving to cherish her precious memories are her two daughters, Sonya Holmes Mitchell (James) of Raleigh, NC and Danielle DeMary Pollard (Brandon) of Charlotte, NC; her grandchildren – Alexis McDonald, Antoinyla Brickhouse, and Stewart McDonald; her bonus daughter, Yasmine Holmes, her brother – Randy Holmes; her sisters – Sarah Holmes Nsiah, Joetta King, Michelle Crooks, Veronica Robinson, Janice Patricia Robinson Mathis. She leaves to cherish memories a host of nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

Shirley was predeceased by her sister - Linda Faye Carter and brothers – James Holmes, Darrett Robinson and Carl Maxie Robinson.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28311

## Viewing

OCT **27**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Cape Fear Conference B Hqrts  
10225 Fayetteville Rd.  
Raeford, NC 28376

## Funeral

OCT **27**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Cape Fear Conference B Hqrts  
10225 Fayetteville Rd.  
Raeford, NC 28376

## Repast

OCT **27**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Cape Fear Conference B Hqrts  
10225 Fayetteville Rd.  
Raeford, NC 28376

## Burial

OCT 27 (ET)

Cumberland Memorial Gardens  
4509 Raeford Rd  
Fayetteville, NC 28304

# Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Shirley Holmes DeMary*



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**H. M. Colvin Funeral Home** - October 24, 2023 at 05:06 PM

TW

*Ms. Nana I will miss you so much and I'm so glad we've had some good times together over the years. Thank you for loving me the way you did. Prayers and blessings for the family.*

*Love ❤️,  
Thomasina*

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**Thomasina Williams** - October 24, 2023 at 06:29 PM

TS

*Words cannot begin to express 🙏 this heartbreak 💔 in losing my neighbor. You will be missed and I will miss our monthly girls dinner date. Take your rest now. Until we meet again.*

*Tonya Sloan  
Charlotte NC*

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**Tonya Sloan** - October 24, 2023 at 07:33 PM

CK

*I am at a loss for words. I will always treasure the memories we had and how you extended your friendship and love to my girls and myself. Rest now until we see each other again.*

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**Crystal Kearney** - October 25, 2023 at 01:06 PM

LM

*Awww Nana, You took us in as your family, We will always cherish the memories, holidays.. Your laugh, kindness and kisses , Its time to rest sweet Nana.*

*Xavier and i love you, you will be missed..*

*Love,*

*Lisa & Xavier*

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**Lisa Mallory** - October 30, 2023 at 07:12 AM

KC

*You were truly a great teacher, I was you Assistant for several years at Lucile Souders Elementary when I first became an assistant and bus driver which was 23 years ago. May you rest in peace and may the Lord guide your children and grandchildren always. Kathy Carnal*

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**Kathy Carnal** - October 31, 2023 at 01:48 PM

EB

“ *Condolences and prayers to the family.*



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**Etrula Britton** - November 28, 2023 at 11:32 PM

CM

“ *Condolences to the family.*  
*Cheryll Raeford McNeill*



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**cheryll raeford mcneill** - November 06, 2023 at 04:28 PM

DA

“ *Diane Austin-Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Holmes DeMary*



**Diane Austin-Sanders** - October 27, 2023 at 11:24 AM

SM

“ *My name is Shirley Matthews and I had the pleasure of working with Ms. DeMary at Luther Nick Jeralds (formerly Edgewood Elementary) School. She was a loving, caring, and kind teacher and co-worker! She will surely be missed by all of us who were blessed to know her. Family, we hold you in our thoughts and prayers.*



**Shirley Matthews** - October 25, 2023 at 09:43 PM

LD

“ *Lettie, Coy & Darrett purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mrs. Shirley Holmes DeMary.*



**Lettie, Coy & Darrett** - October 25, 2023 at 07:27 PM

LF

“ *Lavonna Bass and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Shirley Holmes DeMary.*



**Lavonna Bass and Family** - October 25, 2023 at 12:54 PM

AC

“ Agnes Choate purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Shirley Holmes DeMary.



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**Agnes Choate** - October 25, 2023 at 11:12 AM



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

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October 25, 2023 at 08:48 AM



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

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October 24, 2023 at 11:06 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Holmes DeMary.



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October 24, 2023 at 11:06 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Holmes DeMary.



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October 24, 2023 at 09:26 PM

IW

“ Shirley was the Rock of the Holmes family. To Tina ,Daniell, Bonita, Joetta, Michelle , Randy and All of her grandchildren,great grandchildren, and children she loved and shared her life with She is not dead she only asleep. , Continue to pray and walk in her shoes. Much love ,prayers and many blessings. It’s not good bye but see you later.



Irish Williams - October 24, 2023 at 08:16 PM



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

October 24, 2023 at 07:29 PM

LF

“ Love, Your SAB SACO Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Shirley Holmes Demary.

Love, Your SAB SACO Family - October 24, 2023 at 06:23 PM

LF

“ Love, Your SAB SACO Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mrs. Shirley Holmes DeMary.



Love, Your SAB SACO Family - October 24, 2023 at 06:23 PM

KS

“ *Katrina Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Holmes DeMary*



Katrina Simmons - October 24, 2023 at 06:16 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Holmes DeMary.*



October 24, 2023 at 03:33 PM

JE

“ *JUANITA ELLIS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Holmes DeMary*



JUANITA ELLIS - October 24, 2023 at 12:19 PM

AW

“ *It's hard to believe that you are gone. You are going to be missed* 🍷🍷🍷🍷



Angela Williams - October 24, 2023 at 08:18 AM