



Dr. Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum

January 5, 1957 - January 3, 2016

Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum, age 58, passed on January 3, 2016, peacefully at her home.

She leaves to cherish her memories her daughter, Ebony Elliott-Covington; son, Damien Elliott-Bynum; brother, Joe L. Elliott, Jr.; sisters, Carolyn E. Hinton, Addie L. Mann and grandchild, Ahmad Richardson.

Services will take place on Friday, January 8, 2016 at St. Joseph A.M.E. Church, 2521 Fayetteville Road, Durham, NC 27707. Public viewing will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Omega Omega ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m, and "A Celebration of Life" at 7:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Glennview Memorial Park

NC Hwy 55
Durham, NC 27713
(919) 596-8102

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

St. Joseph AME Church
2521 Fayetteville St
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 683-1379

Omega Omega Ceremony

JAN 8. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Durham, NC 27707
(919) 683-1379

Celebration of Life

JAN 8. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Durham, NC 27707
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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM

DJ

“ *Very special and sweet friend.*

Darrell A. Jones - February 13, 2016 at 05:14 PM

AM

“ *I remember Dr. Sharon Bynum from Hillhaven on Pettigrew. I looked up to her. She was such a sweet lady. Not only was she beautiful on the outside but the inside as well. Such a kind soul.*

Annette McDow - February 07, 2016 at 07:27 PM

DS

“ *I met Dr. Bynum many years ago through a professional nursing organization. We instantly became friends. Her smile and kind gentle heart was attractive. She made you feel comfortable and she always saw the best in people. You knew you had been in the presence of God when you walked away from her! She hosted my son who attended a summer camp at Duke. She was hospitable and welcoming. I will never forget her kindness shown to me and my son. Sharon, you were a role model of what we all should be doing. I pray that my life will matter as yours have. You have left a legacy that will live on til Jesus comes.*

Dr. Lepaine Sharp-McHenry - January 29, 2016 at 10:03 PM

DB

“ *Sharon was a beacon of light and love in this world and to the community-at-large. Her passion for people and keeping them healthy is just one of her many gifts. I will keep her family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Diane Beth - January 25, 2016 at 03:50 PM

MG

“ *Marian Gentry-Monroe lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum*



Marian Gentry-Monroe - January 23, 2016 at 09:18 PM

JB

“ *"This is a big loss for the Durham Community. She labored hard to care for those who could not afford health care. I will always remember her for this, even though I knew her long before she and her late sister Pat started providing health care services. They both were true heroes in this community!"*

Joe and Mlelinda Bowser - January 10, 2016 at 05:03 PM

CS

“ *Chaplain Diana Smith lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum*



Chaplain Diana Smith - January 09, 2016 at 08:30 AM

SA

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Bynum once when strolling through CAARE. I was impressed with her kindness and friendliness. What a remarkable woman. I thank her for all she did and her fabulousness. What a worker!!!!*

S J Ahmed - January 09, 2016 at 07:39 AM

LR

Sharon was a blessing to me in my life I thank God for bringing her in my life I thank God for all the people she's touched and the lives that will go forward in her memory God bless you my sister rest in peace

Linda Colar Rascoe - January 09, 2016 at 07:53 PM

MR

“ *Maybell Roper lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum*



maybell roper - January 08, 2016 at 03:31 PM

MR

This Candle is for my dear friend REST IN PARADISE

maybell roper - January 08, 2016 at 03:36 PM

DB

“ *Dona Brown lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum*



Dona Brown - January 08, 2016 at 02:57 PM

GD

“ *My deepest condolences to Sharon's family. Sharon was an inspiration to all. She not only touched the lives of people in North Carolina but extended herself to helping those in need in Africa. Sharon raised money to build a clinic in Kenya and worked collaboratively with me on efforts to empower women globally. Sharon worked tirelessly to transform lives by providing access to healthcare and economic empowerment. She was a Soldier for God.*



God blessed me to have had such a phenomenal woman be an integral part of my journey through life.

My Sistah, My Friend - I love you.

Grace Dzidzienyo

Grace Dzidzienyo - January 08, 2016 at 02:54 PM

DC

“ *Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum, a beautiful soul, full of love and faith. May God embrace you in comfort during this difficult time and in the days ahead. It was an honor to have known and partnered with a true advocate for our community. We will surely miss her presence...a true inspiration to all.*

-Durham NCWORKS Career Center

Durham NCWORKS Career Center - January 08, 2016 at 02:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum.*



January 08, 2016 at 01:24 PM

CC

“ Dr. Bynum always had a beautiful infectious smile. At my worst she always hugged me, smiled and talked me through it. She believed in me and encouraged me every single time we talked. I will always remember this Woman of God. She truly lived out loud, LOVE. I will never look at life the same after having met her. Always and forever I love you Dr. Bynum.



Celestine Croaker - January 08, 2016 at 12:56 PM

DC

“ Diane Cox lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum



Diane Cox - January 08, 2016 at 12:03 PM

DC

It was always a pleasure to see Sharon's smiling face when I attended line dancing at the Caare Center. No matter who she was meeting with, talking to or doing, she would always take the time to speak whether you were coming or going. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. So I say to you, keep the faith and take one day at a time. God has his angel in his hands.

Diane Cox - January 08, 2016 at 12:10 PM

RO

“ Robin"Missy"Heldreth sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum



Robin"Missy"Heldreth - January 08, 2016 at 10:32 AM

RO

“ My name is Missy Heldreth. I had the privilege of working with Sharon as you DON @Pettigrew Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center as RN, Supervisor 1996-2000. Sharon was a true professional and personal Christian Friend My prayers to all family, friends and, significant other. She will be missed. Let's celebrate her life where she now resides in Eternity with our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ and all angels that surround her One comforting thought is we all will be reunited in Eternity forevermore!
AMEN YOU Adrienne is 6th North 8th ST APT #1 WYTHEVILLE VA 24382
(276)-613-6320
ENGLISH MAIL rrheldreth@aol. com

Robin "Missy" Heldreth - January 08, 2016 at 10:27 AM

CG

“ TO the family of Sharon, I CYNTHIA GOOCH EXTEND MY CONDOLENCES TO YOU ALL, SHARON was an awesome person as you all know she will always stay in my heart Sharon along with Joyce Davis at Pettigrew rehab gave me my leadership position and will never be forgotten so hang in there God will comfort you all.

cynthia gooch - January 08, 2016 at 09:51 AM

JG

My name is Juaneza Gooch I was a 13 yr old young lady when I got my pleasure to meet this great woman she was in the nursing program she was my nurse for that day I had surgery and I asked if she could be there I was scared but if Sharon went I would be ok and she was there they let her stand by my side and that's how we became friends such a beautiful person inside and out she will forever be in my heart RIP Sharon

juaneza gooch - January 08, 2016 at 01:00 PM

PW

“ I remember Dr. Bynum from elementary school from early years and she always had a sweet spirit in her heart to love everybody. Dr. Bynum will be truly missed by everyone who she met and deeply sad for those she touched. To her children and friends remember her as a person that will not stop until her work is finished. I love you Dr. Sharon E. Bynum. You fought a good fight but God loves you Best.

Sincerely ,

Pastor Doris Walker of United Out Reach Ministry

Pastor Doris Walker - January 08, 2016 at 09:40 AM

RM

“ To the family of Dr. Bynum,

We the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Raleigh, NC extend our condolences to family and friends of Dr. Sharon Elliot-Bynum. It was an honor and pleasure to work with such an audacious personality. Dr. Bynum's diligence and dedication were apparent at our initial meeting with CAARE. Her radiant smile permeated the room and the atmosphere of welcome convinced us that we were in a place directed by God. BSMCR will endeavor to continue supporting her legacy and the Triangle Community.

May God continue to bless and support you during this time of mourning.

"The Angels in heaven done called her name."

*Ralph "Matador" McNeil
Acting President, BSMCR*

Ralph McNeil - January 08, 2016 at 09:33 AM

MS

“ Mary Scott lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum



mary scott - January 08, 2016 at 08:45 AM

MS

“ Sharon will be greatly missed by the Durham community. A "little girl" but a giant in heart 😊. Her gentle smile made those who were sick in spirit and in body, know that she valued them just as they were. Yes, she was a mother Theresa here in this historical space of time. On a personal note, Sharon and I connected years ago in a very special way, and I shall never forget how God caused us to connect.

She ran this race, and she finished her course. I would dare to say, that an angel went back to her original home. Be confident family that Sharon did all that she was to do. God bless you, always.

mary scott - January 08, 2016 at 08:43 AM

DB

“ *Our condolence to the family,
Malik Barbee & Debra Barbee*



Debra Barbee - January 08, 2016 at 07:33 AM

CD

“ *You were the epitome of God's purest love walking this earth. Your contagious smile, joy and love was moving and you will be an ongoing legacy in Durham.*

Thank you for chasing your vision and demonstrating true selfless love and commitment to God. I will miss your hugs and uplifting e-mails bragging on the goodness of God.

Crystal Ellis Dixon - January 07, 2016 at 10:55 PM

SM

“ *Shirley Wall Markham lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum*



Shirley Wall Markham - January 07, 2016 at 08:55 PM

CF

“ *Rest easy good and faithful angel , Love always , Carolyn Evans-Faulcon*

Carolyn faulcon - January 07, 2016 at 06:20 PM

SB

“ *Sandra Battle lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum*



Sandra Battle - January 07, 2016 at 02:58 PM

SN

“ Sandra Battle, Durham, NC lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum



Sandra Battle, Durham, NC - January 07, 2016 at 02:55 PM

DM

“ Douglas McClary lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum



douglas mcclary - January 07, 2016 at 02:30 PM

CF

Rest in Paradise good and faithful Angel ,Love always Carolyn Evans Faulcon

Carolyn faulcon - January 07, 2016 at 06:12 PM

DM

“ Sharon was a good friend and good school mate I will miss her

douglas mcclary - January 07, 2016 at 02:24 PM

KF

“ Kee Bookkeeping and Tax Service / Carolyn Kee and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum.



Kee Bookkeeping and Tax Service / Carolyn Kee and Family - January 07, 2016 at 12:08 PM

LH

“ *Ebony, Damien, Ahmad; Carolyn; Joe & Addie*
To know Sharon, was to love, appreciate and respect her. So my prayer for you all is that God cover you as you face these most difficult times. That he comforts you with your loving memories of her beautiful smile; her commitment to he family and outreach ministries. Thank God for the opportunity to meet and serve with her on the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, also knew her through her work with CAARE.
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, Lean not unto your own understanding; Acknowledge Him in all your ways and He shall direct your path, Proverbs 3:5,6.
Love
Lottie Hayes

Lottie Hayes - January 07, 2016 at 12:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum.*



January 07, 2016 at 06:01 AM

FR

“ *Dr. Elliott in 1979 as a nurse show caring and loving spirit to my daughter Danielle Nicole Richardson in her time of illness. She went home to God and Mrs. was there to comfort my wife and myself. She was a very special person. 35 years later I say to the family thank you for sharing Sharon with us, may God comfort you.*

Fred Richardson - January 06, 2016 at 11:47 PM



“ Although she had a soft-spoken voice, Sharon was a phenomenally powerful woman when it came to building alliances. CAARE is an example of the collaborative efforts that came together to provide needed services to an under-served populations. She loved providing support and services to those who were hopeless, helpless, and often times homeless because she envisioned a healthier life and a better future for them. If we could replicate her giving heart and loving spirit to serve the less fortunate in our city, Durham would be the better.

My heart is heavy, yet I rejoice knowing that Sharon fulfilled her purpose for this life. She left a legacy that her natural family, the CAARE family, and the community can celebrate as a great accomplish.

To her families: Heartfelt condolences. Be encouraged and may memories of Sharon give you comfort and peace.

Gwyn Silver

Gwyn Silver - January 06, 2016 at 10:30 PM



“ I met Sharon many years ago when we worked at Durham Regional Hospital. Most recently, I had the privilege of volunteering at the CAARE Jeanne Hopkins Lucas Education and Wellness Center. I had the opportunity to witness firsthand the many lives in the Durham Community that were being touched by the vision of this true Woman of God! Sharon will be sorely missed, but may her legacy continue through the efforts of each and everyone of us as we strive to uplift those who have greater needs. "Well done thy good and faithful servant .." May you rest in peace.



My love, sympathy and prayers are extended to her family, the staff and clients of CAARE, and the entire Durham community.

Linda L. Hester

Linda Hester - January 06, 2016 at 10:02 PM



“ Cynthia D. Brown (aka Sojourner) purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum.



Cynthia D. Brown (aka Sojourner) - January 06, 2016 at 09:47 PM

CB

“ My deepest and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Sharon Elliott Bynum. Sharon was an angel walking on earth who lived 3 live times in 58 years. I loved her for her commitment to the beautiful people of our community who live on the margins and I love God and her family for sharing her with us. As you will hear more times than you will be able to count, she will be missed. I will forever be inspired by her life, her work, her legacy!!

Cynthia D Brown - January 06, 2016 at 08:55 PM

FM

“ Fred & Foretta Davis & Kristy McLain purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum.



Fred & Foretta Davis & Kristy McLain - January 06, 2016 at 06:36 PM

EL

“ Dr. Elliott-Bynum...a gentle giant...a sweet, loving, and caring soul...I thank ALMIGHTY GOD for allowing our paths to cross. You were and always will be a beautiful, classy lady and you will always have my utmost respect. My heart aches, but this I know...you are in the presence of THE LORD. To the family of Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum I send my sincerest condolences.
Edith M. Lee



Edith M. Lee - January 06, 2016 at 06:30 PM

CB

“ Sharon, will truly be miss, she had such a sweet spirit, the family will be in my prayers. 🙏

Carolyn B. Brodie - January 06, 2016 at 06:18 PM

MR

“ I send my heartfelt condolences to the family. I am sorry for your loss . Sharon will be miss I grew up with her will miss her warm smile. Prayers for the family.
Maybell Joiner Roper

Maybell Roper - January 06, 2016 at 05:00 PM

JW

“ Dr. Bynum was such a woman of peace and love. Many times when I would just stop by CAARE to see how things were going and our talks would start out being just for a few minutes but would always end after an hour or so. Sharon always had a way of making me feel at peace when we finished our talks. Dr. Bynum will live on in my heart and mine...



Jacqueline Wagstaff - January 06, 2016 at 04:40 PM

SB

A classy LADY that was truly an unsung hero. As the song goes: "May the I've speak for me.". A visionary that truly implemented change in this community.

Sandra Battle - January 06, 2016 at 09:50 PM

SN

A CLASSY LADY that was truly an unsung hero. As the song goes: May the work I've done speak for me. " A visionary that truly implemented change in this community.

Sandra Battle, Durham, NC - January 07, 2016 at 02:53 PM

BK

“ I got to know Sharon through our mutual work on the Medical Homeless Respite Project. Several homeless clients were housed at CAARE through this project. Sharon treated every one of them with respect, dignity and deep caring. I was extremely impressed by the way she never showed impatience no matter how busy she was and treated the humble in exactly the same way as the VIPs she dealt with. She was organized, hard working, efficient and determined, but never lost her kindness and compassion.

I would like to offer condolences to her family and the staff and clients of CAARE. She will be sorely missed and I am honored to have had the opportunity to know, work and learn with her,

Bettina Karpathian RN
(former RN case manager with LATCH)

Bettina Karpathian - January 06, 2016 at 04:37 PM

DM

“ Dr. Dr. Bynum was a beautiful person I used to work for her and she was a wonderful boss. She will be missed and I love working for her. She had a beautiful disposition. To the family may God bless you.

Danyetta Mason - January 06, 2016 at 04:19 PM

SM

“ Sharon was such a beautiful person with a great smile and awesome spirit. I have enjoyed our work together through the North Carolina Association of Free Clinics. She will be missed not only by friends and family, but by co-workers and clients. Sharon was an amazing lady that will leave behind a lasting memory for many people.

Sandy Motley

Board Chair

NCAFC

Executive Director

Davidson Medical Ministries Clinic

Sandy Motley - January 06, 2016 at 04:06 PM

EB

“ I'm so sorry to learn this news. Sharon was such a force in our community! I remember touring a local health clinic with her and watching so many come up to her, thanking her, and her saying "pray for me". God bless her family and many friends in this season of grief. ~Elizabeth Brill

EB - January 06, 2016 at 03:08 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Dr. Sharon Elliott-Bynum.



January 06, 2016 at 02:58 PM

Wayland
Burton

“ Sharon and I were members of a panel along with Dr. John Hope Franklin in 2004, that discussed Brown v Board of Education. We discussed how as students in the 60's and early 70's, we dealt with integration. She was something back then with her Afro puffs and determined attitude. In 2014, our Alumni Association honored her for her outstanding work in the community. We gave her the Northern High School Black Alumni Association (NHSB2A) Chivalry Award. We selected the title Chivalry Award because we felt it reflected what NHSB2A Alumni are about - "the combination of qualities expected of an ideal knight, especially COURAGE, HONOR, COURTESY, JUSTICE, and a READINESS to help the weak." She will always be an honored Northern KNIGHT!!!

Wayland Burton - January 06, 2016 at 10:24 AM

PJ

“ Sharon and I received the Northern High School Chilvary Award 2014. I can't attend her home going because we will be saying our good byes to my brother in law. I wanted to share words that were placed on my heart this morning.

Now that tomorrow has started without me, it's okay, because I help to change lives in a good way. I had a great life and enjoyed the people I met, I can honestly say, I have no regrets. I did my earthly complaining to God, so for you this must be hard. Thank you for always believing in me, God said, "Time to set my servant free". I sure wish everyone could see all the angels welcoming me. To Ebony and Damien the legacy I leave behind, God assured me you will be just fine. As for Ahmad your life has just begun, like your mom, I was proud to have you for my grandson. There is one thing I want yall to know, the hardest part for me was letting you go. Continue to live your life and be all you can be, and know that I will always watch over thee. I didn't have time to think of myself for I was too focused on everyone else. I challenge all of you to do the same, and I pray God's will be done in Jesus name. In memory of my hero Sharon. Pat Jenkins James (919)236-3101 Rest in Peace my friend!



Pat James - January 06, 2016 at 10:17 AM

JW

“ Sharon was my Nursing Supervisor. I never hear a harsh word proceed out of HER mouth. She (Sharon) was kind compassionate and loving. To GOD BE THE GLORY. thank the LORD for allowing US Sharon FOR A season. RIP.

James(Jim) walker - January 06, 2016 at 08:53 AM

RD

“ Sharon was one of the first people I met personally and professionally upon moving to Durham from Chapel Hill as my daughter's Pediatric Nurse. Her spirit was knowledgeable yet so loving and gentle. You felt at ease and comforted with her immediately.

She will be sorely missed for so many humanitarian and charitable outreaching concerns. For me, I will just miss my friend.
Rest Well Sharon.

Renita C. Dortch

Renita Dortch - January 06, 2016 at 07:55 AM

VL

“ Dr. Elliott-Bynum will sorely be missed, and forever beloved for her Christian faith and Tireless Work Ethic in assisting a facet of numerous others throughout the years of her devoted charitable outreach serving the Durham community in variable aspects within the field of health care, and human services. A true humanitarian whom genuinely cared for the impoverished and underserved populous whom have limited to no resources of recourse for affordable Healthcare, fitness, and overall wellnes.



I pray for comfort of the immediate family and the entire Healing With CAARE Inc.families. May God ever comfort, strengthen, and keep all in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead.

Vincent E. Lawrence

Vincent Lawrence - January 05, 2016 at 10:58 PM

PB

“ Dr. Elliott-Bynum was deemed the Mother Teresa of Durham by the acting Surgeon General of the United States. This is such a fitting title for her. I witnessed how she transformed lives. She gave hope to the hopeless. She was a friend to the friendless, and she saw potential in people who others had written off. This is such a huge loss for Durham. However, a part of her will live on in all of the lives she touched.

*Paula Bridges
CAPT, USPHS*

Paula Bridges - January 05, 2016 at 06:52 PM

MN

Mother Theresa of Durham as she is known was a very humble person. She touch many people by giving of herself to help others. I will truly miss her.

CAARE Volunteer

Maurice Noble - January 06, 2016 at 05:05 PM

DE

“ Sharon and I worked together with Sally Talley back in the day. She was a very nice go getter type of person. She will be missed in the Durham Community. A great legacy she shared with the city.

Deana - January 05, 2016 at 06:29 PM

AD

“ Sharon was one of the people with a vision for a free health equipment loan program in Durham and began meeting with me and others in March 2013 to make this dream a reality. We opened HELP (health equipment loan program) today and didn't not know of her death until tonight. She had her hand in a lot of good causes and I'm happy to say that HELP is one of them. What a wonderful visionary she was and a blessing to the nursing profession. She will surely be missed. Anne Drennan

Anne Drennan - January 05, 2016 at 06:06 PM

RG

“ Sharon,
You will be so missed by your clients, your friends and family. You have left such a legacy . No one can ever fill your shoes. Your vision, your love for all folks and your hope for all was always you. You had a gift, a rare gift. I will miss your laugh and your positive attitude about everything!! Rest now, sweet Sharon
Robin Godwin, RN

ROBIN GODWIN - January 05, 2016 at 05:45 PM

AL

“ To the family of this great lady. I was so heartbroken when I read that Sharon transitioned. I will always remember her working at Dr. Douglas office as his nurse. She took very good care of my sons and loved on them as her own. She had such a warm and loving spirit and it showed for her love and care for our Durham Community. God truly has an Angel and she is missed. May you find comfort with our Lord knowing that we are given the opportunity to see her again.



Annette Love - January 05, 2016 at 05:00 PM