



## Mrs. Shirley M. Bradshaw

July 11, 1940 - March 10, 2025

On Monday, March 10, 2025, Shirley M. Bradshaw, age 84, departed this life at Duke University Medical Center. She was born July 11, 1940, to the late Clarence and Effie Merritt, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Shirley is preceded in death by her husband, Coach Willie R. Bradshaw.

She leaves to cherish her memory one devoted daughter, Natalyn Bradshaw-Haile Selassie; loving granddaughter, Fana Ruth Haile Selassie; sister, Angela Belk; brother, James Merritt; several nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Shirley M. Bradshaw will take place on Friday, March 14, 2025, at St. Paul A.M.E. Church, 101 N Merritt Mill Road, Carrboro, North Carolina 27516; family visitation at 11:00 and celebration of life service at 11:30 a.m.

The Celebration of Life Service will be streamed live- Facebook St Paul AME Church

Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers,

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul AME Church  
101 N Merritt Mill Rd  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

## Celebration of Life

MAR 14. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul AME Church  
101 N Merritt Mill Rd  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ To Natalyn, Fane, Angela & Jimmy, Shirley was a woman of faith who loved her family and shared her wisdom to help and serve others. She was a dedicated servant who shared the Gospel and brought a Gospel Explosion Celebration to Chapel Hill, collaborating with another church to spread God's message of love to all who listened. She was a pioneer and a trailblazer at St. Paul's A.M.E. Church. Thank you for sharing her with my family. She will be missed but not forgotten, as the Merritt and Bradshaw families will carry on her legacy—prayers for strength and continual Blessings as you mourn your loved one. -Isaiah 41:10  
Minister Caroline O. Green & Family  
Durham, NC



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**Minister Caroline O. Green** - March 13, 2025 at 09:39 PM

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“ My prayers and condolences to Jim and the family. The fond memories will keep her close in your hearts forever.  
Collene Rogers

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**Collene Rogers** - March 13, 2025 at 09:30 PM



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

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March 13, 2025 at 09:12 PM

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“ William C Nunn family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Shirley M. Bradshaw.



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**William C Nunn family** - March 13, 2025 at 10:47 AM

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“ William C Nunn family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Shirley M. Bradshaw.

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**William C Nunn family** - March 13, 2025 at 10:47 AM

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“ To Fana, Natalyn, Angela, and Jim...my condolences. I remember many conversations, meetings, and phone calls with Shirley... especially when we were planning St. Paul church anniversary programs and the fund raising events. I adored her and will always remember the times we were together.  
Mary Keith



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**Mary Keith** - March 13, 2025 at 03:18 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to the Bradshaw family. Shirley was a sweet and nice lady. We would have much laughs together when we attended sport banquets with Brad and my father.  
Linda Blunt Dalley

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**Linda Dalley** - March 11, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ *Natalyn and Family,*

*I was sorry to hear about your mother's passing. Shirley, Brenda, and Brad were friends for years. Shirley was a beautiful soul, always welcoming and loving. Her kindness and warmth touched everyone she met. She will be missed. May the God of Heaven and Earth walk with you and give you strength now and in the coming days.*

*Rest in peace, Shirley.*

Sylvia Mason - March 11, 2025 at 08:25 PM



*Natalie, I am sorry about Shirley's passing. I'm praying that God gives you peace and comfort during the days ahead.  
Rev. Dr. Deborah Long Burroughs*

Deborah Burroughs - March 18, 2025 at 05:45 PM



“ *Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley M. Bradshaw.*



March 11, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ *My Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to the family 🙏🌹🙏.*

Christefus Brown - March 10, 2025 at 09:43 PM