



Sherlee Love Saunders

November 16, 1937 - July 6, 2024

There are mothers...and then there are Moms! Sherlee Ann Love-Saunders forever stands out as a Mom amongst moms!! She was, and always will be, one in a million!

The daughter of Joseph Sherman Love and Mattie B. Love, Sherlee was born on November 16, 1937 in Wilmington, Delaware. She peacefully departed this life at her son Ricky's side, on his birthday July 6, 2024 at her home in New Castle.

Sherlee grew up in Southbridge and received her early education at Elbert Elementary School. She graduated from Howard High School in 1955. While at Howard, Sherlee Love met her future husband, Robert Sylvester Saunders. She was also a member of the girls basketball team. Sherlee held education in high esteem and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware, as well as a Master's Degree from Lincoln University.

Sherlee was employed by the State of Delaware - Division of Vocational Rehabilitation as a Vocational Rehab Counselor until her retirement. She took delight in helping people find solutions to their challenges. Even when former schoolmates who were unkind to her needed help, Sherlee was happy to help them all.

“Mama made miracles every Thanksgiving”... and at almost any meal that she prepared. She often enjoyed eating some foods that she wasn't supposed to - like bacon, hot dogs, and ice cream! She loved to eat potatoes in almost any form – baked, mashed, French fries and more – especially chips! This is probably why she made the best potato salad in the family. Her barbecue ribs, spaghetti and sweet creamy oatmeal were pretty awesome too!

Sherlee loved basketball – especially her Boston Celtics. She enjoyed watching Family Feud, Jeopardy, Judge Mathis, QVC, Home Shopping Network, and an occasional soap opera back in the day. Sherlee was a very passionate admirer of plants, flowers, trees, and all sorts of vegetation. She was a stylish fashionista and appreciated Afro-centric art and figurines. Sherlee even reupholstered furniture and enjoyed sewing and making her own clothes. For the majority of her life, Sherlee especially enjoyed Church, studying the Bible, listening to the Word, and especially praying to and praising the Lord. Her favorite gospel songs were “Jesus is Love” by The Commodores and “Jesus is the Best Thing” by James Cleveland.

Sherlee loved dogs! She would often pet people's dogs and then genuinely ask them to give her their dog. She would often expect that answer to be yes! She really loved dogs! But more than anything, Sherlee loved her family and friends fiercely! When it came to her children, grandchildren and great grands, Sherlee embodied her name – LOVE! Her children were her heartbeat. She loved and longed for them til the very moment that Jesus called her home. Sherlee was loved by many and will be missed by us all.

Preceded in death by her son Rob, Sherlee leaves to cherish her memory, her daughters Barbara and Joy, her son Ricky, and her daughters Lisa, Ysa and Jantyne. She also leaves a legacy of 23 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren along with a host of family and friends.

A celebration of her life will be held on Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 11 am at Ezion Fair Church, 1400 B Street, Wilmington DE. There will be a viewing from 9 am until 10:45. Interment, Silverbrook Cemetery.

Inspired by Sherlee's legacy, her son is launching a charitable cause called Sherlee's S.O.N.G. Sherlee's S.O.N.G. is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for seniors facing Alzheimer's, kidney disease, chronic pain, and mobility impairments through a holistic approach to care. Inspired by Sherlee's legacy, our mission is to provide comprehensive support that emphasizes

Social Interaction

Outdoor Activities

Nutrition and

Games and activities that stimulate lifelong learning.

To honor her memory of helping people find solutions to their challenges, please visit SherleesSong.org or scan the QR code to join our email list.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 30. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ezion Fair Baptist Church
1400 B Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Celebration of Life

JUL 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ezion Fair Baptist Church
1400 B Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ms. Saunders was a Beautiful Spirit Of The St. Matthews Family!. Prayers & Blessings Always!*



Mabel Roberts-Cole - July 25, 2024 at 02:05 PM

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“ *Shirley always called me her Big Little Cousin, she took me to Philly and New York on the train and we ate at restaurants and went shopping I really enjoyed her company. She also came to my mothers home to assist me in getting dressed for a Junior Prom I attended as well as my own Senior Prom she helped to style my hair also. We shared a lot together. Good memories. She'll be missed sincerely. Love, Peace and Strength to Ricky and all of our family.* 🙏💕

First Cousin Linda Payne Joquin - July 17, 2024 at 02:42 PM