



## Pallbearers

*Matthew Franklin*

*Eddie Mathis*

*Nephews*

*Deacons of*

*Reedy River Missionary Baptist Church*

## *My Dear Sister Shelia*

*In that great getting up morning  
When the dead in Christ shall rise,  
I look forward to seeing you up there  
Beyond the dark blue skies.  
In God's holy city called heaven  
Where all will be at rest;  
May we both hear Him say,  
"Well done sisters! You have  
Successfully passed my test!"  
I have always loved you  
Your sister – Carolyn*

## Acknowledgements

*In all times and through all things, friendship is a steadfast reminder that love endures. We wish to express our sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness shown to us during this time of bereavement. May God bless all of you.*

*In loving memory of the family's beloved brother, mentor, and friend Deacon O.D. Williams keeping Birdie Williams & family in our thoughts and prayers. Special thanks to Valerie Walker, the Edwards & Welfare families & all others for your help & guidance in our time of bereavement.*

**Services Entrusted to  
Watkins, Garrett & Woods Mortuary, Inc.  
1011 Augusta Street  
Greenville, SC 29605  
(864) 242-1144**

## Celebration of Life

for

**Ms. Shelia Mathis-Franklin**

**"She She"**



**Sunday, November 1, 2020  
3:00 p.m.**

**Greenville Memorial Gardens  
7784 Augusta Road  
Piedmont, South Carolina 29673**

**Rev. Dr. Jerusha Drummond, Eulogist  
Reedy River Missionary Baptist Church**

# Order of Service

**Rev. Wayne Robinson, Presiding  
Pastor, Piedmont Manor Baptist Church**

*Processional*

*Solo .....Ms. Shaylunn Tolbert*

*Scripture Readings*

*Old Testament .....Matthew Franklin  
Reedy River Missionary Baptist Church  
New Testament.....Eddie Mathis  
Reedy River Missionary Baptist Church*

*Prayer .....Min. Erick Bennett, Sr.  
Reedy River Missionary Baptist Church*

*Remarks .....limit 2 minutes  
Deaconess Mary Williams  
Reedy River Missionary Baptist Church  
Ms. Sandra West  
Neighbor and Friend  
Mrs. Julia Hunt  
Reedy River Missionary Baptist Church*

*Solo .....Ms. Shaylunn Tolbert*

*Words of Comfort .....  
Rev. Dr. Jerusha Drummond*

*Recessional*

# Obituary

*Sister Shelia Mathis-Franklin, 62, of Clinton, North Carolina, departed this earthly world at her Greenville home on the morning of October 19, 2020.*

*Shelia was the third of four children and the second daughter born to the late Leroy Mathis & Bessie Mathis nee Boykin born on May 12, 1958. Early in elementary school Shelia was a part of the 1<sup>st</sup> class of integration as a part of the desegregation of the Clinton, NC school system. At an early age Shelia was baptized in the body of Christ and continued to worship God until the morning the Lord called her home. She was pre deceased by her older brother Lemont Mathis.*

*Sister Shelia was educated in Sampson County Schools, which is the largest county in NC, and graduated from Clinton High School c/o 1976. While in high school she also worked driving the school bus. She was a part of ROTC as well. In between high school graduation and her graduation from Campbell University she assisted her Mom in the starting and operations of The Carolina Inn located in Clinton, NC.*

*Shelia earned an Associates Degree for Business in 1979 from Sampson Technical College of Clinton, NC. From April 1978 to August 1983 Shelia was an Administrative Specialist for the NC Army National Guard 30<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Clinton, NC. She then served as Procurement Officer of the 3398<sup>th</sup> US Army Reception Station Greenville, NC. During this time, she was a member of the graduating c/o 1986 from Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC obtaining a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. Shelia Mathis-Franklin was known to many as "The Administrator." She pledged into the Alpha Phi Omega business Fraternity Nu Kappa 1984 while at Campbell University. She held jobs in North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina as well as other states. In addition she also held different positions in her time with the US Army including being a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant before her honorable discharge on October 15, 1992.*

*On April 3, 1990 at 12:40 a.m. Shelia Mathis-Franklin gave birth to her only child Matthew Franklin. She leaves behind a large and loving family to cherish her memories and carry on her legacy. Shelia was very family oriented and engaged in the lives and well being of her loved ones. Her niece Nicole Smith (of Carolyn Smith), was reared in the home from the age of 13 by her Aunt Shelia; who served as a second mom to her until her passing. She was a matriarch and integral in the lives of her great nieces (Dominique Smith, Jazmin Smith, Camille Smith) here in Greenville, SC. She is survived by her older sister (Carolyn Smith) and younger brother (Eddie Mathis). In addition she is survived by a very special niece, raised like a sister, (Veronica Mathis) Carolyn's eldest daughter. Furthermore she is survived by nephews (Woody & Brent Mathis of Lemont Mathis, Larnard Smith of Carolyn Smith) and nieces (Patreka Smith & Mary Smith of Carolyn Smith), a slew of cousins, great nieces (Alyssa Smith, Danielle Smith), great nephew (Nathan Mathis), and other beloved relatives & friends.*

*Shelia was an early retiree of Michelin North America Headquarters where she was also a First Responder. She served as a chairperson on the Carolina Academy School Improvement Council and as Vice President of the PTA. She was a member of the Olive Branch, Outreach Ministry, and on the Corporate Prayer Committee. She was President of the Intercessory Prayer Ministry. She also devoted her time to occasionally teaching Bible Study, Vacation Bible School, and the Sunday School Doctrine Class at Reedy River Missionary Baptist Church and even sang on the church choir in the past.*

*She She, as she is referred to by her great nieces & nephews, was a kind, gentle hearted lady who served her family, church, community, and others with love in her heart. She loved to travel, tell stories, impart wisdom, and uplift souls everywhere she went. She took on many roles and mastered all of them while giving her best she had to offer. She enjoyed puzzles, board games, reading, and crafting with her great nieces. She She served her family as a wonderful mother, aunt, sister, and cousin. She was a knowledgeable and effective leader and role model.*