

Pallbearers

Lorenzo Porter Romeo Capers
Keith Lundy Joe Wilkerson
Kareem Gray Ron Cobb
Lamont Porter Lorenzo Porter Jr.
Shamari Granger

Flower Attendants

Jean Ribault High School, Class of 1979

Acknowledgement

We, the family of **Mrs. Sharon Porter Gray**, would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to each of you during the passing of our loved one. Your prayers, gifts, food, calls, cards and other acts of kindness will remain in our hearts. We also extend a special thanks to the staff of J. Wayne and Deloris Barr Weavers Towers, Dr. Thomas, Nurse Sapp, and the staff of Baptist Medical Center, Mayo Medical Clinic and Martha and Dianna Greathouse. We will be forever grateful for the love and care that you poured into Sharon. May God continue to bless each of you.

~The Family

Interment

Restlawn Cemetery
2600 Ribault Scenic Drive

Arrangements in care of:



4315 N. Main Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32206
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A CELEBRATION *Of Life* for *Sharon Porter Gray*



Sunrise
July 24, 1961

"Sissy"

Sunset
July 19, 2019

Service

11:00 AM, Saturday, July 27, 2019

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church

1462 Prince Street

Jacksonville, Florida 32209

Pastor Kelly Edward Brown, Officiating

Obituary

Sharon Porter Gray was born July 24, 1961 to the late Mr. Freddie and Ernestine Porter. Sharon was born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida and attended the Duval County Schools. A proud alumni of Jean Ribault Senior High School, home of the Mighty Ribault Trojans, Class of 1979.

Sharon's greatest treasure was working with adults in the field of behavioral health. Sharon never knew a stranger and everyone that she encountered was forever changed. Sharon was a fire filled praiser and one of her joys was singing in the choir and working with the youth.

Sharon departed this life on July 19, 2019. She was preceded in death by her father, and oldest brother, Carey Porter.

Sharon leaves to cherish her loving memory: a devoted husband of 27 years, John Gray; brothers, Fredrick Porter and Bruce Porter (Marva); sisters, Vanessa Boyd, Belinda Jamison (Heber), Sheila Porter, Sarastine Monroe, and Beverly Edwards-Pollock; god-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gallon; godchildren, Rakeem MacArthur and Felice Laster; very special friends and mentors, Martha and Dianna Greathouse; a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, friends, and the Class of 1979 Trojans.

To Those I Love & Those That Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go; I have so many things to see and do; you must not tie yourself to me with tears; be happy that we had so many years; I gave you my love, you can only guess how much you gave me in happiness; I thank you for the love you have shown but now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part, so bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on so if you need me, call and I will come though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near. And if you listen with your heart, you will hear, all my love around you, loud and clear. And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you at Heaven's gate with a smile and a "Welcome Home."

Order of Service

Rev. Kelly Brown, Presiding

Prelude....."He'll Welcome Me"

Processional

Hymn....."Near The Cross"

Prayer Rev. Ronald Walters
King Solomon MBC

Scripture:

Old Testament.....Psalm 121.....Rev. Tyrone Beckett
Deep Creek Baptist Church, Islandton, S.C.

New Testament.....Min. Cindy Broughton
Mt. Sinia MBC, Yarneville, S.C.

Selection.....Sister Minnie Morman
New Bethlehem B.C.

Reflections(Two Minutes Please)

As A Deacon Deacon Tony Smith

As Her Namesake Sharon Bryant

As A Sister from Another Mother Sarastine Mincey-Monroe

Jean Ribault Class of 1979George Williams

Church and Childhood Brother Rev. Samuel Seaward

Mt. Charity MBC, Hilliard, FL

As A Sister Sheila Porter Lundy, *Friendship MBC*

Acknowledgment of Condolences.....Sister Eliza Atwater

SelectionSister Belinda Jamison
Deep Creek MBC

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Kelly Edward Brown

Recessional "I'll Fly Away"

Immediately following the burial – The family will receive friends and well wishers at the Greater Mt. Vernon M.B.C.