



Shavon Arnold

September 22, 1977 - November 1, 2024

Shavon Arnold, age 47, of Durham, NC, passed away on Friday, November 1, 2024. Shavon Latay Arnold, affectionately known as “Country,” “TeeTee” or “Sister Smiley,” was born in Gwinnett County on September 22, 1977 to the late Calvin J. Brown and Patrice Sadler Brown.

Shavon was preceded in death by her father, Calvin J. Brown; mother, Patrice Sadler Brown; sister Deneatris Cantrell; grandmother, Annie Rorex. She is survived by her husband, Elder Kenneth L. Harrell, Jr. of Durham, NC; brother, Christopher Brown (Sierra Harrison); grandfather, Harry Eugene Sadler; nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and brothers and sisters in Christ.

Shavon was educated in the Buford City Schools. Later, she attended Job Corp in Albany, GA where she studied plastering and dry wall trades and obtained her GED. Shavon was multi-talented and mastered any job she held. She worked as a custodian at the post office, in the deli at Kroger, and as a school bus monitor in Gwinnett County Schools in GA. After Shavon married Elder Kenneth L. Harrell, Jr., she moved to Durham and was a Number 1 Homemaker. It was in this role that all her talents and skills were manifested. She was an excellent housekeeper, master cook, a barber to her husband, and a business woman.

Shavon was a loving, caring person. She loved and was concerned about her entire family. However, her greatest love was Jesus, and the most important aspect of her life was her salvation. Shavon’s early religious experiences were

at Union Baptist Church and Allen Temple UMC. In her early 20's, Shavon was converted at Back to the Bible Holiness Church under the leadership of Pastor Bobby Wright. Later, she was baptized in Jesus' name and joined First Pentecostal Church of Buford in 2007 under the leadership of Bishop Timothy Copeland.

After relocating to Anna, IL, Shavon attended Apostolic Faith Tabernacle from 2015-2019. Throughout her church experience, Shavon was active in youth ministry, outreach, and numerous auxiliaries. She was a soul winner, a prayer warrior, a true Proverbs 31 woman.

A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at First Pentecostal Church of Buford, Ga with Pastor Jordan Copeland officiating. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery, Buford, GA. The family will receive friends at the church on Saturday, November 9 from 2:00 p.m. until time of service at 3:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

First Pentecostal Church of Buford

Funeral Service

NOV 9. 3:00 PM.

First Pentecostal Church of Buford

Interment

NOV 9 (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery
Little Mill Rd
Buford, GA

Tribute Wall



“ Rest Easy Smiley 🙏



Joshua Conklin - November 13, 2024 at 07:08 PM

KS

“ Please accept my sincerest condolences to you and your family, Kenneth. I'm sorry I never had the pleasure of knowing her. I wish peace and comfort for you and all those fortunate enough to have had her in their lives.



Karen Shugart - November 10, 2024 at 12:31 PM

SI

“ Sylvia Ingram lit a candle in memory of Shavon Arnold



Sylvia Ingram - November 09, 2024 at 09:29 PM

PL

“ *The first time I met Smiley was at a camp-meeting in Georgia. She had her face to the wall and was praying like I had never heard anyone pray. I fell in love with her from the start. We quickly became good friends as well as Sisters in the Lord. She came to visit me in Illinois and on the first night she was there, she woke me at three in the morning praying as only Smiley could pray. We shared many laughs, tears, and many joyous occasions over the years, but none greater than our Bible Studies and testimonies of God's goodness to us. Smiley loved God with all her heart and was always anxious to tell me about what He was doing in her life. She was loved beyond words by all our family and left us with many precious memories to embrace until we meet again. We will see you soon my dear friend. You are home now!!*



Pat Lively - November 09, 2024 at 05:59 PM

PW

“ *Kenneth and Family please know that I am praying for you and your family in these difficult times. I want say in your time of lost because she is not lost but resting in the bosom of our Lord and Savior.*

Phillip D Williams - November 09, 2024 at 05:26 PM

TW

“ *Tricia Williams lit a candle in memory of Shavon Arnold*



Tricia Williams - November 09, 2024 at 02:47 PM

RG

“ Sis. Shavon was one of a kind. I have known her for many years from FPC Buford. She always had a smiling face. She was an awesome friend of mine. She will truly be missed but I will see her on the otherside!
Sis. Reda Grissom

Reda Grissom - November 09, 2024 at 11:53 AM

NB

“ Nina Caressa Buffington lit a candle in memory of Shavon Arnold



Nina Caressa Buffington - November 09, 2024 at 06:25 AM

TI

“ Trudy Ingram lit a candle in memory of Shavon Arnold



Trudy Ingram - November 08, 2024 at 11:34 PM

DS

“ We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.



Dr. F. Sawyer - November 08, 2024 at 03:54 PM

JH

“ In the time I was able to interact with Sis Shavon she was warm hearted and loved to prepare food, soaps and give some type of gift to you which she had made. She made her Husband happy and she will be missed. Minister Eric Horne & I will continue to keep the family uplifted in prayer 🙏.

Love

Minister Eric & Deaconess Jessica (Sawyer) Horne & Family

Jessica Sawyer Horne - November 08, 2024 at 02:20 PM

DS

“ Dorethia Styles lit a candle in memory of Shavon Arnold



Dorethia Styles - November 07, 2024 at 04:40 PM

SS

“ Sharon Sadler-Lott lit a candle in memory of Shavon Arnold



Sharon Sadler-Lott - November 07, 2024 at 10:26 AM