

# Obituary

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.... 2 Timothy 4:7-8*

Mrs. Mary Helen Sims Shell was born in Columbia (Richland County), South Carolina to the late Elvira Sims. Due to her mother being ill, she was reared in the Christian home of her grandparents, the late Hampton, Sr. and Charity Edmonds Sims.

She was baptized at an early age at Beulah Baptist Church, in Hopkins, South Carolina. She maintained her Christian values with an unyielding faith and belief in God. She retired after many dedicated years as a Home Management Technician.

Mary peacefully departed her earthly life and went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at Prisma Health Richland. There is an inspirational encouragement to be found in Mrs. Mary Helen Sims Shell's legacy. She was known as a plain and ordinary industrious woman. Much of her time and energy was dedicated to laboring tirelessly with limited resources to protect and provide for her family. Mary offered common guidance and support without interference.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Willie A. Shell, Sr., and son, Willie A. Shell, Jr.

Mrs. Mary Helen Sims Shell leaves to cherish her precious memory: two sons, Robert L. Shell, Sr. and Lance I. Shell; three daughters, Barbara A. Morant, Linda S. Collins (Lester), and Theresa S. Wilson (Greene, Jr.); sixteen grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, a host of other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

# Memories



# Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn
- Scriptures Reading.....Minister Shanteesha Evans
  - Old Testament – Psalm 23
  - New Testament – Mark 12:43-44
- Prayer.....Minister
- Solo.....Ms. Natasha Sims Hunter
- Remarks.....Mrs. Martha Ray
  - Ms. Monica Peele
  - Ms. Peggy M. Warren
- Solo.....Ms. Natasha Sims Hunter
- Words of Comfort.....Elder Andre Martin
  - Temple of Deliverance Prayer and Praise Ministry*
- Recessional
- Postlude



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

**1:00 P.M.**  
**Fort Jackson National Cemetery**  
**4170 Percival Road**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**



## *Miss Me But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little - but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all a part of the Master's Plan,  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds  
Miss Me - But Let Me Go.*



### Pallbearers

**Grandsons and Friends**

### Floral Bearers

**Granddaughters and Friends**

### Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Mary Helen Sims Shell, would like to thank each of you for your many expressions of love shown to us, during the passing of our loved one. We pray that God blesses each of you in a very special way.

### Services Entrusted To:

<b>Taylor Street Chapel</b> 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	<b>Leevy's</b> FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	<b>Lower Richland Chapel</b> 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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## *Homegoing Celebration for Mrs. Mary Helen Sims Shell*



**Tuesday, July 5, 2022**  
11:00 a.m.

**Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel**  
1831 Taylor Street  
Columbia, South Carolina

**Elder Andre Martin**  
-Officiating-