

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 for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that once we shared
Miss me, but let me go*

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

*When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know
Laugh at all the things we used to do
Miss me, but let me go.*

A Poem By: Christina Rossetti

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Sharon Elaine Mills Grier, would like to thank each of you for your many acts of kindness and love shown to us, during the passing of our loved one. We pray the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

Services Entrusted To:

<p>Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-</p>	<p>Leevy's FUNERAL HOME</p>	<p>Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-</p>
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*Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory
of
Mrs. Sharon Elaine Mills Grier*



*Thursday, October 13, 2022
12:30 p.m.*

*Gill Creek Baptist Church
2116 Cushman Drive
Columbia, South Carolina*

*Reverend James C. Woodley
-Pastor-*



Obituary

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ~Psalm 27: 1

Sharon Mills Grier was born May 20, 1956, in Irmo, SC. Sharon attended schools in Richland County, SC, and ultimately graduated with honors, from Julia Richman High School, in Manhattan, NY, in 1974. After graduation, Sharon returned to SC, and earned an A.S. degree in Dental Hygiene, graduating as the only African American female in the class.

Highly motivated and well versed in her profession, Sharon quickly secured a position as a dental hygienist. Her expertise later afforded her an inevitable position at Blue Cross Blue Shield where she served as the State of SC Dental Customer Service Supervisor. Through demonstrated diligence, her career was catapulted when named supervisor of the dental state claims, customer service division. Sharon continued to work at BCBS for greater than 35 years, retiring in 2018.

On October 20, 1979, Sharon married the love of her life, Willie James Grier, Jr. (Bill) at Gill Creek Baptist Church (GCBC) and was blessed with her first son, Theorium. In September of 1983 Sharon and Bill welcomed their second son, Christopher, and in 1988 their daughter, Monica. She loved her children and governed her household with honesty, perceptiveness, and forthrightness. She encouraged her children to live to their fullest potential, and tirelessly supported them in their journey.

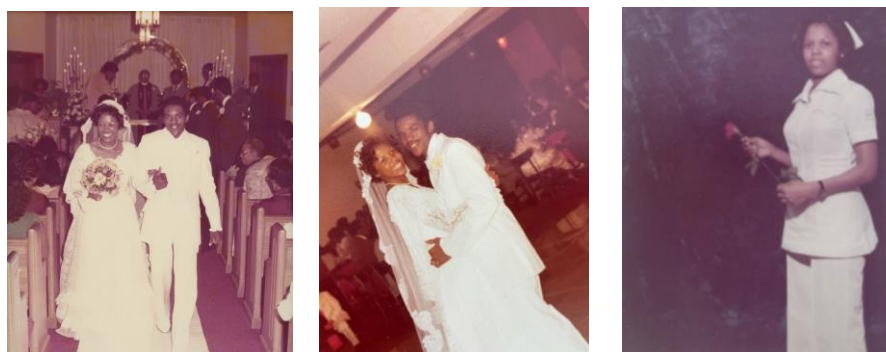
Sharon had a remarkable strength that stemmed from her unwavering faith in Christ. She served as a Deaconess, Trustee, and an advisor for the youth and healthcare committees at GCBC for many years. Sharon's faith and love for others were further exemplified when honored as Woman of the Year, in 1999.

Sharon's exuberance and zest for life were apparent in her love of travel – whether on a cruise, or a trip to the beach with her closet friends and family. And of course, as an animal lover, her prized Shih Tzus: Chip, Frankie, Brownie, and Silver were often in tow. Sharon faced any obstacle with dignity, self-assurance, and grace.

Sharon is predeceased by her mother, Margaret Mills (Elijah) Bryant, her grandparents, Arthur and Gussie Bowman Mills, Sr.

To cherish her memory, Sharon leaves behind her loving husband, Willie James Grier, Jr.; three children: Theorium D. (Palmtama) Grier, of Eldersburg, MD, Christopher J. (Nikita Miles) Grier, of Rock Hill, SC, Monica E. (Trevor Jackson, Jr.) Grier, of Charlotte, NC; four grandchildren: Cameron, Christopher, Alexander, and Violet; a brother, Gregory (Meechie) Bryant, of TN a sister, Alisa (Antonio) Haggins, of SC; two aunts: Hester (Charles) Berry, of SC and Zenobia Mitchell, of OH; one uncle: Carl E (Inez) Mills; her father-in-law Rev. Willie James Grier, Sr., of SC, her mother-in-law Effie L. Grier, of SC, one sister-in-law Yvonne Grier, of SC and one-brother-in law Rev. Clarence (Sherry) Grier, of SC and a host nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Musical Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Musical Selection.....Gill Creek Baptist Church Choir
“Oh I Want To See Him”

Old and New Testaments.....Reverend Helen Perkins-Harris

Prayer.....Reverend Clarence Grier

Musical Selection.....Gill Creek Baptist Church Choir

Remarks:

Deacon.....Deacon Kenny Worthy

Deaconess.....Deaconess Marty Worthy

Blue Cross Blue Shield.....Ms. Betty Void

Family.....Mrs. Effier Grier

Family..... Dr. Melissa Berry-Woods

Video Presentation

Resolution

Solo.....Ms. Benita Jacobs
“Safe In His Arms”

Words of Comfort.....Reverend James C. Woodley

Recessional.....Gill Creek Baptist Church Choir

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Entombment

**Greenlawn Memorial Park
7100 Garners Ferry Road
Columbia, South Carolina**

