

Obituary

SSgt. Mary Elizabeth Vivinise Shiver was born on 13 May 1994 to SFC (RET) Willie James Shiver and Mrs. Thalyia D. Hilton Shiver. Mary attended Richland District Two Schools from pre-kindergarten throughout High School. Pontiac Elementary for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten through 5th grade at Killian Elementary School, Blythewood Middle School 6th – 8th grades, and Blythewood High School 9th- 12th grades, graduating in June 2012. After graduating from high school, Mary continued her education at Johnson and Wales University, in Charlotte, NC. Mary graduated in June 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Culinary Arts and Food Service Management.

Mary confessed Christ at an early age, and was baptized at Daniel Circle Chapel, Ft. Jackson, SC, attending with her mom until leaving for the University and during university semester breaks.

Mary was a young lady that wanted to work. While attending high school she joined the BHS Choir and Culinary Arts Group. She also became a member of the Ft. Jackson Youth Center, where she was named Youth of the Year. Mary worked diligently as a summer and teen hire throughout her youth.

Attending Johnson and Wales University, with a major in Culinary Arts, afforded Mary an opportunity that she readily accepted as an intern chef with Disney World Resort and a chef at the Master's for two consecutive years. She truly enjoyed and appreciated the assignments.

After graduating from Johnson and Wales University, Mary found an interest in serving her country. Therefore, her desire was to become enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Completing basic training at Parris Island, SC. Mary was later stationed at Camp Lejeune Marine Base in Jacksonville, North Carolina. Mary enjoyed the service and the job she provided in the Marine Corps. Traveling from California to Louisiana as a Recruiter and back to California, the Marine Corps was everything to her.

SSgt. Mary Shiver departed this worldly life on Wednesday 6 May 2026, with her brother William sitting by her side.

Mourning her death, but rejoicing in her purposeful life are: her beloved parents, SFC (RET) Willie Shiver (Elnora), Mobile, Al, and Mrs. Thalyia Shiver, Columbia, SC; brother, William Shiver, Manassas, Virginia; aunts, Bernice Carlisle, New York and Denise Bivens, Atlanta, GA; uncle, Sanders Shiver; a host of extended family and a host of loving friends.

Memories



Order of Service

Reverend Elizabeth Carmichael, Presiding

Prelude

Opening Hymn.....Mr. Lonnie Clark

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Selection.....Mr. Lonnie Clark

Old TestamentMrs. Vera Gilliam

New TestamentMrs. Carolyn Andrews

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Carol Lewis

Remarks.....(Two Minutes, Please)

Mrs. Ernestine H. Dollarson

Mrs. Loretta Hill

Mr. Thomas Manigo

Selection.....Mr. Lonnie Clark

Words of Comfort.....Reverend James Andrews

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

2:00 p.m.

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

4170 Percival Road

Columbia, South Carolina

A Hero's Welcome

By: Robert Longley

*Time to come home dear brother
Your tour of duty through
You've given as much as anyone
Could be expected to do.*

*Just a few steps further
The smoke will start to clear
Others here will guide you
You have no need to fear.*

*You have not failed your brothers
You dearly gave it all
And through your selfless actions
Others will hear the call.*

*So take your place of honor
Among those who have gone before
And know you will be remembered
For now and evermore*

Pallbearers

United States Marine Corps Honor Guard

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of our beloved SSgt. Mary Elizabeth Vivinise Shiver, are humbled and most grateful for the many acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. We thank you for your phone calls, visits, comforting words, food, and floral tributes. May God continue to bless each of you. A special thank to the United States Marine Corps for all their support and care that was given.

*Homegoing Service
In Loving Memory
of*

SSGT. MARY ELIZABETH VIVINISE SHIVER



FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026
12:00 NOON

LEEYV'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
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COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

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