



Homegoing
CELEBRATION for....

Interment/Cemetery
Cedar Park Cemetery

Pallbearers

Joshua Purnell, Dennis Moore, Curtiss Crossley II
Cornelius Crossley, Joseph Crawford, Milton Davenport
Julius Drew, Cainan Davenport, Alamos Thompson
Kyrese White

Honorary-Pallbearers

John Purnell, David White, Terrence Pipkins
Johnnie White, James Moore, Douglas Moore
Timothy Purnell, Unyque Porter

Acknowledgements

Our family wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for the many expressions of love, words and acts of kindness, and especially your prayers in our time of bereavement. Your continued prayers and support will help to strengthen us. It is our hope that you will help keep Shirley's legacy alive by embracing the qualities of love, friendship, kindness, and service that she exemplified as you move forward through life.

The Family

Arrangements Entrusted to:

Nabors Family Funeral Home

Lillie Nabors, L.F.D.E.

470 W. 172nd St

Thornton, Illinois 60476

Office/Cell: 708-704-5023

*Expect Great Service...
and Receive Greater.*



MISSIONARY

Shirley
White

SUNRISE: JUNE 12, 1957 SUNSET: MAY 16, 2026

Missionary Shirley Moore White was born in Chicago, Illinois at Mother Cabrini Hospital on June 12, 1957 to the late Barbara (White) Moore and Rufus (R.C.) Weddle. She was the fifth of five children and the only girl.

Shirley attended George Washington Carver Elementary and Isaac Newton Middle School located in Altgeld Gardens where she graduated with honors in music (choral) and mathematics. She loved to read and swim. She could be frequently found at the library and at the pool in the summer. During this time she attended Greater Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church. Shirley continued her love for singing in the choir at Lindblom Technical High School. After graduation Shirley married Ronald Purnell. To this short union one child was born.

Shirley relocated to Champaign Urbana and attended the University of Illinois and Parkland College. While there she briefly attended Grove Street COGIC where she met her soon to be husband, Howard White. They later joined Powerhouse COGIC where they were joined in holy matrimony on April 24, 1982. Howard and Shirley had three children.

In 1985 they relocated to Country Club Hills, IL and began to attend Abounding Life COGIC. She graduated with honors and an Associate of Science degree from South Suburban College in 1996. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Governors State University in 1999. While at Abounding Life she faithfully served as a choir member. God gave her many songs, including "It's Already Done" sung by the Abounding Life Choir. She also served as a YPWW teacher, substitute bible study teacher, YEEP teacher, a part of the bereavement committee and was ordained as a licensed missionary in the early 2000s. Shirley was an anointed teacher and delivered many powerful messages, including "Now faith" and "God is a math teacher, He knows how to multiply and divide!"

Throughout the years she's had multiple careers working at Illinois Bell, South Suburban College, and taught at multiple schools.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents Barbara Moore and R.C. Weddle and her brother Anthony Moore.

She leaves to cherish her loving husband Howard, four beloved children John (Charlotte) Purnell, David (BreAnna) White, Christene (Terrence, her favorite son-in-law) Pipkins, and Michelle (TBD) White. Seven grandchildren Joshua, Caleb, Kyreese, Timothy, Terese, Chrisette, and Kailani. Three brothers, Johnnie White, James Moore, and Douglas Moore. One loving aunt Ella Holloway as well as nephews, cousins, family and friends.



Saturday, May 23, 2026
 10AM Vistation 11AM Service
Abounding Life C.O.G.I.C
 14626 Mozart Avenue
 Posen, Illinois
 Officiant- Pastor Bernard Marsaw

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional	
Invocation	Eld. Grafton Hall
Old Testament Scripture	Eld. Michael DuBose
New Testament Scripture	Eld. Bernard Verner
Congregational Song	Sis. Kathy Adams
Master of Ceremony	Deacon Lee Edwards
Musical Selection	Abounding Life Choir
Remarks	(Lindblom) Ethel, Helena, Susan (Missionaries) Mother Ernestine Adams
Solo	Chrisette Pipkins
Remarks	2 Minutes
Family Tribute	District Missionary Debbie Harris Caleb Purnell Children
Selection	Kathy Brown and Beverly Johnson
Acknowledgement of Cards, Resolutions, and Obituary	Sis. Gwen Gray
Musical Selection	Missionary Tiffany Gregory
Eulogy	Eld. John Purnell Pastor Designate, Abounding Life COGIC
Benediction	