



Shirley Galvin

December 1, 1951 - June 10, 2013

On June 10, 2013 God called our beloved mother Shirley Mae Washington-Galvin home to be with Him. Her devoted daughter remained at her bedside and held her hand as she took her final breath to ensure she transitioned with dignity and in comfort and was not alone. Shirley was always a fighter. As an educator, she fought to provide her learning and behavior disabled children the best education possible. Often times, in addition to being a single mother, she often had to feed her students too because “you can’t learn on an empty stomach.” She was the original school breakfast program. As a domestic violence coordinator, she fought to provide a safe haven for women and their children who had fled to her shelter looking for a safe place to start over. As a victim advocate, she stood before judges to ensure that abused and battered women had their fair day in court. As a mom, she fought everything and everybody that dared to threaten the health or happiness of her children. On the Friday preceding her passing, she verbalized that she was done fighting and had “enough.” And so on Monday her fight was finished. Though we know we will see her again, she leaves behind many cherished memories of moments shared with those who absolutely adored her. Her grandchildren, Myesha L. Galvin, Tiana W. Buford, Tristin T. Galvin, Imani A. Buford, Shelby Buford III, and Kendall A. Buford; and, her children, Anthony (Crystal) Galvin, Chicago, IL and Yolonda (Shelby) Buford, Mitchellville, MD. We have received a tremendous amount of love and support from our family and friends and we welcome you to continue to share any memories, photos or words of

encouragement. Mom, until we meet again, may you continue to rest in the peace you deserve and keep watch over those you leave behind to carry on the fight.

Tribute Wall

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“ to the galvin and washington family: my condolences are being sent to you. words can never express enough or comfort during such a time as this. but my Father in heaven is the comfortor to all. A shelter in the time of storm; a rock in a weary land. Jehovah Jirah our provider, Jehovah Rapha our our healer. let your faith and trust be in God. can't nobody do you like jesus. love you with the Love of the Lord, be blessed and encouraged!

Deborah A Ulmer Dotson - June 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ My little sister beat me to it! she got to Mom before I did. So tell your side of the story first have your time with them all.. I will be there one day. will miss you untill then.

theresa AUTMAN - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“Wow – What do I really say?!?!?!? You blessed me with your “baby girls” hand in marriage. You kept all those “wolves” and negative influences away from my daughter as a young teenager. You taught my son to speak in full sentences by the time he was two years old. You introduced me to the “real blues” players like Buddy Guy and KoKo Taylor. You’ve blessed me with so much!!!! On Monday, God opened up heavens gates for you in fully majesty all with tornado watches, flood warnings, strong wind, and thunderstorms and you rode through. I will truly miss you, but, I know you were ready and now you can rest peacefully. I will cherish so many memories. We had so much fun downloading blues songs from the internet and drinking long island ice teas!!!! A few days ago; you smiled at me and gave me a kiss, and told me that you were ok, and that I’d be ok. I told you I’d take care of Yvette and you smiled again and said “I know hat and I love you”, and gave me a “double kiss” (that’s what your nurse called it ?). Just know that I will hold on to that double kiss and take care of Yvette, Shelby III, Kendall, Tiana, and Imani. You rest easy and drop me a rainbow from time to time!!!!!! You’ll have my love forever!!!Your son, Shelby Jr.

Shelby Buford - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM