



Mrs. Shirley C. Lee

March 4, 1943 - December 17, 2025

Mrs. Shirley C. Lee, age 82, transitioned on December 17, 2025, in Gainesville, FL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Alfreida Cunningham; her husband, William W. Lee, and their godson, Eric L. Pollock.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her daughters, Monica Lee and Cynthia Lee; her granddaughter, Chelsea Washington; and her great-granddaughter, T. K. Lee all of Gainesville, FL; her sisters, Gloria Duncan (wife of the late William Duncan) and Alfreida Lee (Jeremiah Lee) of Chattahoochee, FL; her sisters-in-law: Jessie Butler, Ruthie McWhite, Mamie Lowe, Ella Wilson, Geneva Fryson, Fannie Lee, Nathlen Lee, and Henrietta Lee; brothers-in-law: Roy Lee, Willie Lee, and Lester Lee; and goddaughter, Maryanne Mathews.

Public Visitation and Viewing for Mrs. Lee will be Sunday, December 28, 2025 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Chestnut Memorial Chapel, 18 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, December 29, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Greater Bethel AME Church, 701 SE 43rd Street, Gainesville, FL 32641,

Reverend Ron Rawls, Pastor, with Rev. Dr. David W. Green, Sr. officiating.

Interment will follow immediately in Forest Meadows Memorial Park Central, 4100 NW 39th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32606.

Resolutions may be emailed to wecare@chestnutfh.com. Floral arrangements may be ordered at chestnutfh.com/obituaries or delivered to Chestnut Funeral Home, 18 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601.

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Cemetery Details

Forest Meadows Cemetery - Central

4100 NW 39th Ave.
Gainesville, FL 32606

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC **28**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Chestnut Funeral Home
18 NW 8th Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601

Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Greater Bethel AME Church
701 SE 43rd St
Gainesville, FL 32641

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley C. Lee.*



December 30, 2025 at 06:01 PM



“ *Kwame planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Shirley C. Lee.*

Kwame - December 30, 2025 at 06:01 PM



“ *Sylvia & Gerald Bamburg purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Shirley C. Lee.*



Sylvia & Gerald Bamburg - December 29, 2025 at 10:18 AM



“ *Sylvia & Gerald Bamburg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Shirley C. Lee.*

Sylvia & Gerald Bamburg - December 29, 2025 at 10:18 AM

SE

“ Susan and Kate Einman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Shirley C. Lee.



Susan and Kate Einman - December 27, 2025 at 08:06 AM

RI

“ Thank you for loving my Grandchildren the way you did. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

Love,
Elder Ruthie Lee McWhite - sister in love.



Ruthie A. Brown III - December 26, 2025 at 07:45 PM

RI

“ I’m so grateful for the memories I have of my Great Auntie Shirley. When I was really little, I remember being picked up and going with her to her job at the FSH, sitting quietly in her office and just being there with her. Even at that age, I felt safe and special just being by her side.



As I grew up, she never stopped showing up. The birthday calls, the holiday cards—every single year without fail—meant more than she probably ever knew. They reminded me, Eric, and Sharee that we were always thought of, always loved. That kind of consistency and care stays with you for a lifetime.

Auntie Shirley had a way of making people feel remembered and valued, even in the simplest moments. Her love was steady, generous, and genuine, and it’s something I will always carry with me.

Thank you, Monica and Cynthia, for sharing your mother with me. The love she gave reached far beyond herself, and her memory will always be a blessing. 💜 I love you and Chelsea so much and will always be there for you.

Love,
Rudie Rooo!

Ruthie A. Brown III - December 26, 2025 at 07:41 PM

FF

“ From the Green Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Shirley C. Lee.



From the Green Family - December 26, 2025 at 04:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley C. Lee.



December 26, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley C. Lee.



December 25, 2025 at 04:40 AM