

Welcome Home

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and to do.
You must not tie yourself to me with too many tears,
but be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess
how much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love that you have shown,
but now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must.
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part,
so treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on,
and if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near,
and if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
all my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home."

forever in our hearts

DEBORAH L. SHELTON
1963-2026

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*The Family acknowledges with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness
rendered to them during the passing of their loved one.
The many telephone calls, prayers, flowers, floral arrangements, cards of
condolence, and other sympathetic gestures are deeply appreciated.
May God bless and keep each of you.*

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**CELEBRATING
THE MEMORY** of
Deborah
**LEIVERNE
SHELTON**

First Smile
July 1, 1963

Last Breath
September 25, 2026

Memorial Services

Monday, October 5, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.

from the chapel of

Barnum Funeral Home, Incorporated
217 Ashby Street, Americus, Georgia 31709

EULOGIST

Rev. Joe Jackson

Emmanuel Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
Hobart, Oklahoma

Order of SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL

led by Rev. Shaun Philpot
and Rev. Joe Jackson

Hymn

Rev. Shaun Philpot

Prayer

Rev. Shaun Philpot
Evergreen Baptist Church

Scripture

Brother A. J. Sims

Reflections | limit 2 minutes

Open to Family and Friends

Selection

Ms. LaToya Pope

Eulogy

Rev. Joe Jackson
*Emmanuel Calvary Missionary
Baptist Church
Hobart, Oklahoma*

Closing Prayer

Rev. Joe Jackson

RECESSIONAL

*Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off
or to silent mode during the services. Thank you.*



Celebrating THE LIFE & MEMORY

Ms. Deborah L. Shelton was born on July 1, 1963, in Miami, Dade County, Florida, to the late Mr. Johnny Shelton and the late Mrs. Katie Bell Jackson Shelton. She received her education in the Dade County School System and was employed with South Harvest Farms, commonly known as the Bean Plant.

She was preceded in death by her son, Hikeem Shelton; four sisters: Christina Jones, Lois Jackson, Carolyn Jackson, and Mary Jackson; and one grandchild, Treazure Shelton.

She leaves to cherish her memory four sons: Mr. Antonio Shelton of Statesboro, Georgia; Mr. Maurice (Kim) Shelton of Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. Robert Shelton of Americus, Georgia, and Mr. Hamil Shelton and his fiancée, Taka, of Americus, Georgia; two daughters: Ms. Alitha Shelton of Columbus, Georgia and Ms. Dominique Shelton and her fiancée, Tashiea King, of Americus, Georgia; four brothers: Mr. Alton Jackson, Mr. Willie (Barbara Jean) Jackson, all of Miami, Florida; Mr. Joe Jones of Americus, Georgia, and Mr. Joe (Mary Ann) Jackson of Oklahoma; and one sister, Mrs. Deborah (Rev. Lewis) Thompson of Tennessee.

She also leaves two grandchildren, Brianna Shelton and La'Quashia Jackson; four great-grandchildren: Di'Ziriah Jackson, Kasley Jackson, Kensley Jackson, and Kentavous Jackson; her beloved fur babies, Max and Marlee; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

JULY 1, 1963

Deborah L. Shelton

SEPTEMBER 25, 2026