

# Journey of Life

**Shirley A. Koonce**, affectionately known as Ann, daughter of the late Sylvesta and Ossie Carter, was born on October 13, 1942 in Campbell County, Virginia. She passed away unexpectedly on May 14, 2020.

She received her early education in the Baltimore City Public School System. Ann began her career working for the State of New York. Later in life, she relocated to Baltimore to work in the mortgage industry for over 20 years. During her retirement she could not stay at home! She then worked with her family as an attendant for special needs children with Y & L Transportation.

Some may know her as “Shopping Shirley” as she thoroughly enjoyed shopping outings. She loved reading, visiting with family, and attending church services at Milford Mill United Methodist Church where she was a member. Ann made numerous friends wherever she went as her smile and loving nature drew people near. She was always a true friend and devoted mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and aunt.

Ann’s memory will forever live on through: daughter, Sharri Koonce (Chris); son, Shawn Koonce; grandchildren, Christopher Koonce (Adrianna), Ryan Irish, Chloe Koonce; great-granddaughter, Mia Koonce; siblings, Luther “Bill” Beverly (Essie), Verna Juanita Tyler, Patricia Mack, Nona Young (Brent), Larry Carter (Eldora), Sylvesta “Chip” Carter, Tyrone Carter (Carolyn) both deceased, Glenda Carter; aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and host of other relatives and friends.



# Forever In Our Hearts



*I'm Free*  
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call;  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I've now found peace at the end of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;  
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much;  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;  
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now-He set me free!

### *Final Resting Place*

Arch Creek Burial  
Concord, Virginia

### *Acknowledgments*

We, the family of the late *Shirley Ann Koonce*, gratefully acknowledge the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during our time of bereavement.

### *Services of Comfort Entrusted to*



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# *In Loving Memory*

*Of*



## *Shirley Ann Koonce*

Sunrise: 10/13/1942 - Sunset: 5/14/2020

*Friday, May 22, 2020*

Visitation: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

*Wylie Funeral Home*

9200 Liberty Road  
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*Reverend Lem Dominguez, Officiating*