



Shirley Mae Beard (DOWNTOWN)

December 6, 1940 - January 11, 2025

Shirley Mae Beard, 84, passed away Saturday, January 11, 2025.

She was the owner of Shirley Mae's Cafe, Smoketown Liquors and the founder of Salute to Black Jockeys.

She is survived by her children, William Simpson and his wife Irma, Theresa Simpson, Dee Simpson, Edveta Simpson, Pamela Simpson, Warren Simpson and her beloved dog, Java; grandchildren, Christopher Simpson, Jessica Bellamy and Lynnette Fraser and her husband Elwyn; great-grandchildren, Eloy and Elyas Fraser, and a host of family and friends.

Visitation: 5:30pm-8:30pm Friday, January 24, 2025 at Kentucky Derby Museum at Churchill Downs, 704 Central Ave. Funeral: 12pm Saturday, January 25, 2025 at Community Missionary Baptist Church in Newburg, 4909 E. Indian Trail. Burial: Cave Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to A. D. Porter & Sons Funeral Home, 1300 W. Chestnut St.

Cemetery Details

Cave Hill Cemetery

Louisville, KY 40206

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Kentucky Derby Museum
704 Central Ave
Louisville, KY 40208

Service

JAN **25**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Community Missionary Baptist Church
4909 E Indian Trail
Louisville, KY 40218-3800
(502) 451-1606

Tribute Wall

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“ *Alicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Shirley Beard*



Alicia Jones - January 25, 2025 at 01:02 PM

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“ *JudySimpson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Beard*



JudySimpson - January 24, 2025 at 05:15 AM

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“ *Tommy Horton lit a candle in memory of Shirley Beard*



Tommy Horton - January 19, 2025 at 09:40 PM