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**S**hirley Mae Wells was born in Annapolis, Maryland on August 27, 1936 to the late Beatrice Simms and the late William "Buck" Gross of Galesville, Maryland. Her stepfather was the late Sherman Simms.

Shirley was educated in Anne Arundel County public schools. She married the late James Edward Wells in 1952, and together they raised six children. She was a proud and loving mother who devoted her life to family and friends; she absolutely adored each of her grandchildren.

Shirley was instrumental in the lives of many Annapolis youths. She volunteered and worked in communities for city government agencies which include the Community Action Agency and Department of Recreation and Parks, doing what she loved—shaping young lives with her own "tough love" disciplinary style. She also worked for the State of Maryland Department of General Services from which she retired in 2003.

But her favorite workplace was the Stanton Community Center. Anyone who has been there within the past 40 years has without question heard or seen her. Shirley was a proud member of the Pride of Annapolis Temple #76, Elizabeth A. Carter, P.D.R Council, Past State President of Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia.

She was also a member of the Pride of Annapolis Temple #76, P.G.D.R. Fellowship Circle. Additionally, she was a member of the National P.G.D.R. Council. Lastly, Shirley served as Junior Mother of the Eagle Class #288 for five years.

Shirley enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and arts and crafts, and she often created beautiful gifts for family, friends, and others in the community. She shared her skills with anyone interested in learning. She also enjoyed traveling with her Elk family. She loved a good cookout with family and friends.



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Cherishing her memory are her children Angelo Wells. Sr., Bruce Wells, Andre "Gabby" Wells, Crystal Valentine (Jeffrey), Virgil Wells, Vincent Wells (Delta), and each of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Shirley now shares peace and serenity with her sister Dorothy Perry Harris and her brother Joseph "Zastrow" Simms.

Also embracing her memory are brothers Reverend Dr. Charles Simms, Sr. and Isaac Johnson, sister Joyce Ann Forrester, devoted nieces, nephews, family members, and longtime "Little Sister" Patricia "Sally" Bean.



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**Candle Of Love** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the Wells family. Rest peacefully Miss Shirley.

April 14 at 8:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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