



## Shirley Bloom

January 17, 2022

Shirley Chatters Bloom entered eternal rest on Monday, January 17, 2022, at the age of 100. She was born April 30, 1921, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to the late Irene and Rutherford Chatters, Sr., the third oldest of sixteen children. She joins her husband, Joseph Clifton Bloom, who she celebrated 50 years of marriage until his passing in 1990. Shirley survived by her children, Ona Bloom Deruise and Jonathan Joseph Bloom, Sr., son-in-law Bryant Deruise, Sr., and daughter-in-law Monique Bloom. Seven Grandchildren, Bryant Deruise, Jr. (Telaris), Gabrielle Deruise, Jonathan Bloom, Jr., William Bloom, Sr. (Cortney), Joni Bloom Reed, (David, Jr.), Bryce Deruise, and Joseph Bloom II. Ten Great-grandchildren, Guy "Tre" Fernandez, III, Braden Fernandez, Caden Fernandez, Gavin Fernandez, Kingston Randolph, Allyn Reed, David Reed, III, William Bloom, Jr., Phillip Bloom, and Gianna Deruise. Siblings Wylene Heron (late Samuel Heron), Edith Batiste (late Alvin Batiste, Sr.), Edvidge Jordan (Edward "Kidd" Jordan, Sr.), Judith Bell (William Bell), Maynard Chatters, Sr. (Ursula Chatters), and sister-in-law Shirley Chatters (late George Chatters, Sr.) and generations of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. Shirley was preceded in death by her siblings Osceola Jackson (Charles Jackson), Myra Elise Joseph (Alfred Joseph), Lois Ambeau (Donald Ambeau), Carol Rodney (Simon Dolliole, Ulysses Rodney), Arthemisia Harris (Alphonso Harris), Joycelyn Chatters, Rutherford Chatters, Jr., Edward Chatters, II (Arlene Chatters), and Kenneth Chatters, Sr. (Hazel Chatters). She attended Lafon Elementary, McDonogh #6, Hoffman School,

McDonogh #35 High School, and Xavier University. Shirley's love for music started when her father introduced her to the violin, but the art of singing allowed Shirley to spread her wings. Shirley sang at multiple churches throughout the Greater New Orleans Area. As a teenager and young adult, she performed with Osceola Blanchard. Shirley taught at Grunwald School of Music. Notable students she taught were Peter "Chuck" Badie, Red Tyler, and Earl Palmer. She was the opening performance for Paul Roberson at Booker T. Washington High School in 1942. She sang on a program with Mahalia Jackson in Chicago, Illinois, and performed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for Marion Anderson. Xavier University in the 1940s is where Shirley performed in multiple operas. In the 1970s, Shirley sang with the New Orleans Opera Chorus and performed for the 1984 World Fair in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the "I've Known Rivers Pavilion." She also performed in Italy in 1996. She continued to sing well into her late 80's, recording several songs with her brother Maynard Chatters, Sr., and her sister Wylene Heron. Shirley's job experiences would include Nurse's Aide at the Veteran Administration Hospital, Insurance Agent for People Life Insurance Co. and Good Citizen Insurance Co., Real Estate Agent, New Orleans Housing Authority Tenant Counselor and Assistant Manager for Woolworth and Lerner Dept. Stores. Special Acknowledgements to Anne Robertson, Jervonda Chatman, Louise Booth, Cynthia Berryhill, Colette and Timothy Branch Sr., Dr. Vernilyn Juan, and Staff, Rhodes Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will be held at D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70125, on Friday, January 28, 2022 at 10:00 am. Visitation will begin at 9:00 am. Due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, remember to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Interment: Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Arrangements is by D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home. For online condolences, please visit [www.rhodesfuneralhome.com](http://www.rhodesfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.  
New Orleans, LA 70122

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 28. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue  
3933 Washington Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70125  
(504) 822-7162  
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *The memory of Aunt Shirley will live on with all of us. She blessed us with her constant kindness and wisdom. Throughout her life she demonstrated generosity and fearlessness and walked the walk of a truly loving human being. We will miss her joyous energy, sweet smile and loving Spirit. Our hearts are with the Bloom/Chatters family.*



*With much love,  
Renee and Gina*

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**Renee & Gina** - January 27, 2022 at 09:15 PM

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“ *Sending love and prayers across the miles as we all grieve the loss of a beautiful and gifted soul. Aunt Shirley, you will be missed by the generations whose lives you impacted. Say hello to my mother Carol and sister Simonette for me. I know you are all in a better place now. A place where there are no more tears, or suffering, or disease. Thank you for your light that still burns brightly here on earth.*



*Michaele Dolliole Birdsall*

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**Michaele Dolliole Birdsall** - January 27, 2022 at 07:08 PM

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“ To Jonathan & Monique, Ona & Bryant and grandchildren & great grandchildren: Thank you for sharing your beautiful Mother with us all. She was a treasure to the entire family and will be dearly missed. Until we all meet her on the other side, may God grant you His peace and comfort. We love you. George & Adrienne Chatters

Adrienne Chatters - January 26, 2022 at 10:03 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Bloom.



January 26, 2022 at 08:27 PM

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“ Aunt Shirley worn many hats along with having many talents. She will be greatly missed but her warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit will be remembered forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

With Love and Remembrance,  
Kenneth Chatters Jr. & Family of Ohio

Beverly Chatters - January 26, 2022 at 12:24 PM