

In loving memory: Sharla Tolbert

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Sharla Tolbert born on November 16th, 1951 to the late Ida Jean Tolbert and the Tharon Howard in Chicago, IL. Sharla, the eldest of 6 siblings, one of which who preceded her death (Leonard Tolbert). She grew up in Gary, IN and attended school at Drew Elementary, Pulaski Junior High, Roosevelt High School and Indiana University. She received her foundation as a Christian at New Hope Baptist Church.

Sharla was a social worker for 20 years before relocating to Richfield, MN and became an accountant. However, neither role was considered as rewarding to her as the role of mother. She prided herself on being known as Maya's and Lola's mother. Even as an "empty nester" she made it a priority to be actively involved in the lives of her grandchildren and great-nieces/nephews. Sharla's unconditional love and nurturing spirit made her shine while brightening the lives of those around her.

Sharla lived a simple and sincere life. Some of favorite things included: Sewing, crossword puzzles, performing arts, coupon clipping, Mexican food and a snowy day. She was an enthusiastic volunteer who dedicated her time to local thrift stores, theater companies and her church (Church of New Life Christian Ministries) where she served faithfully for 20 years.

Sharla will forever be applauded by an incredible audience of family and friends:

Daughters: Maya and Lola Tolbert

Sisters: Pamela Tolbert-Bynum and Tammie (Ron) Hartfiel

Brothers: Paul (Carla) Sherman and Terrence Thorton

Grand daughters: Laila and Lainiqua Tolbert

Nephews: Taj Robinson, Kyle Thomas, Ta-Raj Jr., Xavier, Mosaic, Ta-Kari, Kenneth, Anthony and DeShawn

Great nieces: Tammie, Dayjeena, Ta-Maya and Jade

Special friends: Aleta Macon and Felecia Billingsley

A host of aunts, uncles, cousins, loved ones and friends