



Sheila Alice Gopie

July 28, 1953 - August 31, 2021

SHEILA A. GOPIE, daughter of the late Alton Conaway and Shirley Marie Conaway, was born July 28, 1953 in Baltimore, Maryland. Although Sheila was battling various health issues, she unexpectedly departed this life on August 31, 2021, at the age of 68 years old.

Sheila was educated in Baltimore City's school system. She received her high school diploma from Edmondson High School in Baltimore, MD.

Additionally, she took various college courses to further her knowledge base, as well as to hone her skill set for the workforce. Sheila, being an independent, free-spirited young lady, left home when she was 20 years old.

She worked as a waitress at White Coffee Pot and worked as a cashier in various grocery stores to support herself. From 1982 to 2003, she worked for the Federal Government, retiring as an Accounting Technician for the National Institution of Health in Bethesda, MD. During her exemplary career with the government, Sheila received numerous awards for "Exceptional Performance" and "Sustained Superior Performance."

Sheila married Benjamin "Earl" Burton in 1981. They were married over 15 years.

Although no biological children were formed from this union, a wonderful lifetime union was formed between Sheila's two daughters and Earl. They affectionately refer to Earl as their beloved "Dad."

On December 22, 1999, Sheila married Howard Gopie, Sr. They were married for 22 years. Although recently divorced, Sheila and Howard remained very close friends.

Howard continuously supported Sheila until her death.

Sheila was very personable, outgoing, stylish, and classy. In her younger days, Sheila partied and traveled like a rock star. She enjoyed listening to Motown classics, laughing, dancing, traveling, and collecting lladrós, and hummel figurines.

She also enjoyed eating her "sweets." The sweeter, the better. One or two cookies would

not do, but a whole bag would surely suffice.

Sheila was predeceased by her brother, Stanley Conaway, Sr. She leaves to mourn her two daughters, Tonya Dawson and Robin Conaway; her sisters, Cynthia Dean, Jeannette Brandon, Kim Smith, Sandy Shields, and Terrie Chester; her brothers, Spencer Conaway and Troy Conaway; son-in-law, Randolph Dawson, III; brothers-in-law, Mark Shields, Samuel Smith, Mark Chester; sister-in-law, Sheila Conaway; five grandchildren, Jeremiah, Somalia, Naomi, Ashley and Briana; two great grand-sons, Juelz and Josiah; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends

Previous Events

Wake

SEP 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown
5616 Old Court Road
Windsor Mill, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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