

Bio of Shirley Miller Gamble

Shirley Miller Gamble is the second of three children born to the late Bishop Johnnie Miller, Sr. and Mrs. Rose Lee Smith Miller in Savannah, Georgia. She is married to John Lewis Gamble, whom she met at Tuskegee Institute and is the mother of two sons, Jarrod and Arroyo Gamble. Shirley has six grandchildren, three great grandchildren, two brothers, one sister, two beautiful daughters-in-law and two wonderful sisters-in-law.

Shirley's education began at Moses Jackson Elementary School. She attended junior and high school at Sophronia M. Tompkins and graduated in the "THE CLASS of 1964" before enrolling at Tuskegee Institute. She completed her post high school education at Savannah State University where she received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management.

In the summer of 1963, Shirley became involved in the "Non-Violent Crusade for Voters Movement" under the direction of the late Mr. Hosea Williams. Shirley's involvement in THE MOVEMENT led to her arrest on three separate occasions in Savannah. On March 7, 1965, while attending Tuskegee Institute, Shirley and others boarded a bus that took them to the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the site of "Bloody Sunday." These are times/events that she does not talk about much, however, they are times/events she will never forget.

Shirley is a faithful member of Second Saint John Missionary Baptist Church. She serves on the Board of Trustees, Women's Ministry, Mission Ministry, and is the Director of the Christian Education Ministry. She is the lead teacher for the adult Sunday School Class. She loves studying God's Words and continues to grow by attending Christian Education Classes through the Certificate of Progress Program (COPP).

Shirley loves travelling. She has a very large family and is always attending family functions. She also travels with a few friends each year and is the travel coordinator for her beloved Tompkins High School Class of 1964. She loves to fellowship with family, friends, and continues to stay in touch with former co-workers at Savannah State University, Stone Container as well as childhood friends. Since her retirement from Savannah State University in 2010, Shirley has been busy serving as the recording secretary for The Woodville-Tompkins High School Hall Of Fame Association.

Shirley's life purpose can be summed up in the motto by which she lives, "Love Your Neighbor As You Love Yourself."
