



*Sharon Lee Shirley
Bailey*

Aug. 5, 1960 - July 4, 2025

Sharon Lee Shirley Bailey, beloved wife, sister, and friend to many, passed away peacefully on July 4, 2025, at the age of 64. She was born on August 5 1960, to Oscar William Shirley, Jr. and Mildred Shawanokasic Shirley in Hartford, Connecticut.

Sharons dedication to the Deaf students and the Deaf community was a major part of her life. She was a gifted trainer and a mentor to many.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents Oscar William Shirley, Jr. and Mildred Shawanokasic Shirley; as well as her brother-in-law, Arthur J. Denorfia, Sr.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Quintin R. Bailey; her faithful pet dogs, Gunther and Molly (Valdese); her brother, Robert Bob K. Shirley and his wife Kristina; her niece, Kaley, and nephew, Kyle of Wilmington, NC; her sister, Elizabeth Betsy Denorfia; her nephew Arthur J. Denorfia Jr. of Southington CT; her niece, Elyse Denorfia and her husband, William Bradford, of Weymouth, MA; and her best friend, Barbara French of Winsted, CT; as well as multitudes of friends, co-workers, and students from North Carolina School for the Deaf (Morganton) and the American School for the Deaf (West Hartford), who loved her so much.

To know Sharon was to know her compassion, her understanding, her love of her job, and her students and family. She will be truly missed.

There are no services planned at this time.

If making a memorial contribution, please designate the donation is in memory of Sharon Shirley-Bailey. Memorial contributions may be made to North Carolina School for the Deaf, 517 W. Fleming Drive, Morganton, NC 28655; American School for the Deaf, Office of Institutional Advancement, 139 N. Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06107; or to Amorem Hospice, 902 Kirkwood Street, NW, Lenoir, NC 28645.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Visitation

N/A

Service

N/A

Committal

N/A

Tribute Wall

Quintin...our heart is with you. Sharon was an incredible human being and someone I respected very much. Sending you so much love!

–Sherri Zummo

I'm so sorry Quintin. I've had you on my mind wondering how you were doing. Keeping you in my prayers. We miss you at the college.

–Cindy Richards



–Glendy Scaletta-Roocco (Former ASD PACES Alumni)

Please accept my deepest condolences to the family, friends, and her loved ones. May her soul find peace. She will be missed

–Tay Lowdermilk

So sorry to hear about the loss, prayers to my Uncle Quintin and Sharon's family. May she rest in heaven!

–Zeid Muhammad

My deepest condolences to your family. I'm fortunate to have known you during high school, and you have contributed to many students at the American School for the Deaf. You will be sorely missed, and I will always remember you in my heart!

—Eric Bryant

I'm very sorry for your loss. My love to you and your Family!

—Michael Swearingen

—Luis Perez



I was deeply saddened to hear about this loss. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this incredibly difficult time. My thoughts are with you and your family.

—Jose Viera

We are so heartbroken to hear about her passing away. She was such a sweet soul and a down to earth person. She's worked at ASD the days we met her for first time at Summer Siblings Sign Language Camp in 1999 when I and Joshua were 10 years old and that was so wonderful memories to remember about her. We miss those good old days! I miss her so much. We can't wait to see her again soon! May she rest in paradise. - Joel and Joshua, Zoraida.

—Joel Romero



—Stephen Emerson



My sincere condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones. May your soul be at peace.

—Cindy Walker



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Rest in peace my friend you will be missed, My son loved you very deeply.

—Ruth Ross (Mother -in-law)



—Lawson and Debi McNally

She was wonderful lady and understands in deaf children's. We missed her. Give our condolences to her husband Quintin and her families

—Lawson McNally

Very sorry about your sister. Sympathy for Quentin and each of you.

—Vaccarelli

I worked with Sharon at ASD. ENJOYED HER!

—June McMahon



My sincerest condolences.

—Sandra Ortiz

Sad to see my friend Sharon gone on 4th of July. She is a great person to the communities. No more pain, you are now in God's hand. My condolences to Quintin Bailey and Sharon's family.

—Carol Bailey



She is my ex boss when she work for school deaf and I enjoyed with her and we always chatting and other subjects! I'm sorry for her husband loss and prayer for her families... sorely missed her and will see her again! Love yu Shirley.....

—Lori Passmore



I always with you make me friendly I am really I miss you a lot now I was sadly now you passed away Also I was learn god is with you blessed I will give you hugs keep my friend sadly.

—Jose Cruz

Sharon, I loved and respected your creativity and compassion for our students!
You were a huge force of nature! May you rest peacefully in the God's arms!

–Kim

My deepest condolences to the Shirley and Denorfia family ..May Sharon rest in everlasting peace..

–Barbara Valli



Sharon was a force to be reckoned with, and we agreed to disagreed on things from time to time but always agreed on the Miami Dolphins being number ONE!!!! I will miss her very much.

–Edmund Long



Sharon was my favorite staff at ASD, she helped me through tough times and taught me how to make right choices and face my problems instead of being argumentative and running away. I was a hard headed teen that was a ward of state but She and a few other staffs had a lot of faith in me to improve and learn from my mistakes. She was a strong advocate for me during my time at ASD from 2008-2011. I remember always looking forward to seeing her and talking to her. I am saddened to hear she had passed away. My condolences to her family and friends.

–Allie