

Mama, I Will Miss You

Dear mama, you left us too soon; Leaving behind a heartache that makes me swoon
Your absence leaves a void that cannot be filled; And a pain that will never be stilled
I remember the way you used to smile; It could light up the darkest miles
I remember the way you used to care; It was something that we could always share
You were always there for me, no matter what; Your love and kindness, I will never forget
You taught me how to be strong and brave; And how to face the challenges that life gave
I miss you more than words can say; And I think of you every single day
But I know you're watching from above; And sending us all your eternal love
So I'll try to live my life as you would want; And hold onto the memories that we have wrought
Your legacy will live on in the hearts of those; Whose lives you touched and whose love you chose
Rest in peace, my dear mama, till we meet again; In a place where there is no pain and no end
You'll always be a part of me, that I know; And your love will forever continue to grow.

*Love always,
Keke*

Dear Mama

I know I should have been more prepared for this day but as you could see I wasn't. I thank God for placing you in my life. Most people are blessed with one set of parents but God saw fit to bless me with two. You, Mama, were my last lifeline. I honestly don't know where or what I would be if it weren't for your love, strength, and teachings. You taught me how to be the best version of myself. Most of all you taught me how to be a lady and take care of not just myself but also my family. So I just want to say thank you for taking me in and raising me as your own; for loving me, Stevie and my children. Please give Stevie and the rest of the crew a big hug for me and let them all know that I love and miss them... I love you mama and will miss you so much, but I know that you are in a better place.

*Rest Easy Mama, Love You Forever,
Pooda*

Our BeBe

BeBe, what do you mean to us?
Beautiful in all your ways... we will miss the way you loved us and made sure happiness filled our days.
Elegant and graceful without a doubt... you taught us in many ways what life was truly all about.
Blissful and beaming with every step that you took... you could make our day with just a smile and a look.
Everlasting... the bond that you created between us... you are so much more than a grandmother...
You are life, love, hope... you are precious.
Our Guardian Angel, you are now one... Another like you? There will be none.
We love you Babe

Acknowledgements

The entire family of Lizzie B. "BeBe" Smith, would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for all the love showered upon us during this transition. The many prayers, calls, cards, social media post, text messages, warm wishes and other acts of kindness, care and concern gives us comfort. We are thankful for the love and support that has been shown us. Thank you for being there for us at this time.

Active Pallbearers

Stevie Franklin – Broderick James
Jimmie Revis – Adrian Smith – Corey Thompson

Honorary Pallbearers

Stevie Franklin – Jonathan Shorter
Reginald Shorter – Herman Thompson



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January 06, 2024 | Ten o'clock in the Morning

New Fellowship Tabernacle Church

600 Matthew Street - Bay City, Texas

PASTOR A. H. FLOYD, Eulogist

BISHOP MARSHALL HARRIS, Officiant

New Direction Fellowship Church of Houston, Texas

Order of Worship

Processional of Clergy and Family

Parting View

Musical Selection

Old & New Testament Scripture Reading

Prayer

Musical Selection

Resolution(s)

Remarks

Musical Selection

The WORD of Comfort

PASTOR A. H. FLOYD

Recessional

WHAT A LIFE WELL LIVED On Tuesday, July 19, 1932, Alberta Harris and Issac Shorter welcomed their baby girl, Lizzie into the world. Lizzie was affectionally called BeBe by those who knew and loved her. For over ninety years she served faithfully, gave unselfishly, cared for and enjoyed her family and friends, worked hard and enjoyed life. She had a big heart and a great personality. What a legacy!!!

SERVED FAITHFULLY Bebe loved the Lord and served others and the Lord's people faithfully. Her foundation was gained at St. Luke Baptist Church as a child. She later became an active member of New Hope Church in Wharton where she served as president of the choir inspiring them to worship our Lord through songs of praise. She served on the usher board welcoming worshipers and visitors into the house of The Lord. She also served her pastor on the pastor's aid ministry. She not only went to church but she served faithfully. Later in life she joined New Fellowship Tabernacle Church and was a faithful tithe paying member. She loved Pastor A. H. Floyd, her church, and the members.

GAVE UNSELFISHLY She gave sacrificially to those in need. It didn't matter if the person needed a warm meal to eat or a comfortable place to sleep, BeBe made it her commitment to make sure that those around her received what they needed. She would give her last.

CARED FOR AND ENJOYED HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS She helped raise her siblings, raised her children and served as mother to many. She 'kept you in line' and wanted the best from her offspring. She was a disciplinarian who meant well. After all, at the end of the day she wanted to make sure that 'you made something out of yourself'. Now many of us are the men and women that we are because she poured into us. She gave us great advise and insisted that we presented ourselves in a manner that was appropriate and well behaved. She taught the young ladies to "keep the guys guessing" by dressing appropriately. After all, she was a fox who modeled before us what it was to be well dressed. BeBe was going to be well adorned with the lavish hats that matched her shoes and handbag. She gave words of wisdom, along with advice encouraging us to be successful, independent, and always keep pushing to be the best person we could be. She was also an excellent cook. Sundays were especially fun with people filling the house and dining on her scrumptious meals. No one can forget her "Nina's Casserole", her signature cakes, pies and food in general. She loved candied yams (and would cook them with every meal). She also loved fried chicken and Cokes throughout life. We dared not show up at the nursing home without them.

DEDICATED WORKER For over thirty years she worked for the Hawkins Ranch Office caring for the family of brothers and sisters. They loved her and are thankful for the years of dedication.

ENJOYED LIFE She loved getting out of the house and interacting with people... from traveling out of town, going for a ride around town, shopping in the mall, to going to the grocery store (which she did daily in her earlier years). In her early days she would watch her soap operas including *As the World Turns*, *One Life to Live*, and *The Young and the Restless* to name a few. She also would watch *The Price is Right* and *Family Feud*. When she wasn't cooking or watching TV she would relax with a crossword puzzle or a good game of Gin Rummy.

WELCOMED HOME There are so many precious memories that were made over the past ninety plus years that there's no way we can recount them all. We will remember her big smile, huge personality, great cooking, and her love of family. On Wednesday, December 27, 2023, she gained her wings and she was welcomed home. She will be truly missed by her children: Herman Thompson and Lashanda Swannegan of Bay City, TX, Na'Keidra Jones of Lake Jackson, TX; and her brother: Clarence (Karen) Shorter of Houston, TX, along with other relatives and loved ones. It is in this time we remember her daughter Betty Blunston and siblings: Isiah Shorter, Lillian Shorter, Callie Shorter, McKlincy Shorter, Frank Shorter, Lethanil Shorter, L.M. Shorter, Elnora Bankston, and Johnny Lee Shorter who transitioned before her.

If I can help somebody as I pass along, If I can cheer somebody with a word or a song,

If I can show somebody he is travelling wrong, Then my living shall not be in vain!

