



## Dr. Shirley M. Sebree

May 4, 1937 - February 1, 2022

As the universe unfolded through the years and the character of mankind was formed, a genuine personality was molded and shaped, and out came one of GOD'S chosen vessels, Shirley Mae Gray. Shirley Mae Gray was born May 4, 1937, the second of three children to Sully Gray and Myrtle Rice. Shirley was born and raised in Princeton, Kentucky.

Shirley grew up in a loving family who surrounded her with all she needed to excel in life and become all she was destined to be. Upon completing high school, Shirley attended Kentucky State University where she earned a B.A. Degree in Music Education. While there, she met Mr. James Sebree, and their courtship blossomed into a beautiful marriage that lasted for 61 years. Once completing her undergraduate studies, Shirley and her husband moved to Toledo, Ohio where they both taught in the Toledo School system for over 30 years. Shirley would eventually earn a M.A. Degree in Music Education from Bowling Green State University and a Doctor of Education from the University of Toledo. She also became an author of two books.

Shirley was a faithful servant and devoted her time to serving at Third Baptist Church of Toledo, Ohio where she was choir director, pianist and Chair of the Scholarship Committee. She was loved by her students and community a beacon of light to everyone she met. Shirley was a lover of horses and musicals. She and her husband were world travelers having visited all fifty

states and touched down upon all 7 continents. Her favorite paradise being the Hawaiian Islands.

This beautiful and earthly journey of Shirley Mae Sebree came to a close on Tuesday evening February 01, 2022 in Novi, Michigan, fulfilling the scripture 2nd Corinthians 5:1 "For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in heaven." She is preceded in death by her mother (Myrtle Rice), father (Sully Gray), and brothers (Robert and James Gray). Shirley leaves to cherish her memories a loving husband (James Sebree) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A special note to her loving caregiver, Tony, with deep love and forever gratefulness, thank you for everything you've done.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43615

# Previous Events

## Wake

FEB 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Dale-Riggs Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
572 Nebraska Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43604  
(419) 248-4254  
info@dalefh.com

## Funeral Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Dr. Sebree was an awesome individual and friend/church family. I cherish our friendship & all the inspiring words she shared with me & my children. I thank her for her help with my children's education & her prayers. I love you, Sis. Sebree.

Jennis Huston - March 12, 2023 at 02:53 PM

RJ

“ I will always have fond memories of Shirley & James coming in to book their flights to Hawaii!!! My sincerest condolences, Robin Johnson (former Travel Agent- Central Travel)

Robin Johnson - February 11, 2022 at 02:59 PM

JW

“ Leia wilson, Melvin Gray, Patrice Gray, Belinda Mason and family would like to send a lot of love to uncile James May god bless you and keep you



juanita wilson - February 10, 2022 at 05:42 PM

JW

“ Juanita Wilson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Shirley M. Sebree



juanita wilson - February 10, 2022 at 05:34 PM

PL

“ James and Family, you have my caring thoughts and prayers in the loss of your loved one. Shirley was my Big Sister and Friend since I was a small child. She always let me know she loved me and my family, and we loved her back. Shirley always included me in her eventful life. When she and James married, I was her Junior Bridesmaid. When they moved to Toledo, I visited as often as possible. Shirley was a musician and had the gift of a beautiful voice. I thought she had done it all, but Shirley had more to give. She became an author. I attended her Gala Book Signing Celebration for "The Lost Jewels of Grayhorse". She gave me the honor and pleasure to be Mistress of Ceremony, once again including me in her eventful life. Shirley was a beautiful Christian Lady with a sweet spirit and loving heart. It's difficult to grasp that my Big Sister and Friend has left her earthly home, but I know A Rose Has Bloomed in Heaven.  
Patricia Lander Princeton, KY

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**Patricia Lander** - February 10, 2022 at 03:52 PM

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“ Chicago Chapter KSUNAA purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Dr. Shirley M. Sebree.



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**Chicago Chapter KSUNAA** - February 10, 2022 at 10:47 AM

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“ Dr. Sebree was my grade school music teacher 55 years ago. I never forgot her. What a wonderful lady.

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**Kurt Steinhurst** - February 07, 2022 at 09:49 PM

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“*Mrs. Sebree was my music teacher in grade school at East Side Central. She was one of my favorite teachers and left a lasting, positive impression on my life. Luckily, we ran into each other a few times over the years and good memories of being in her class room would come to mind. A Strong, Lovely Lady I will never forget. My Deepest Sympathies.*

*Margaret Babiuch*

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**Margaret Babiuch** - February 07, 2022 at 02:55 PM