



*A Celebration of Life in  
Loving Memory of  
Shirley B. Dangerfield*

Sunrise May 14, 1936 - Sunset December 26, 2025





## The Life and Legacy of

# *Shirley B. Dangerfield*

Shirley Bernita Hutson Dangerfield was born May 14, 1936 in Philadelphia, PA to Thomas Hutson and Norma Hutson. Following elementary school, she attended Shumaker Jr. High in Philadelphia until moving to Columbus, Ohio to live with her aunt and graduate from Columbus East High School in 1954.

While attending the Church of Christ of the Apostolic Faith in Columbus, Ohio with her aunt, she began to realize something was missing and she felt very dissatisfied. She was baptized in Jesus' name and received the gift of the Holy Ghost on May 26, 1950. She attended Aeon Bible School on a scholarship. She was a member of the Young People's Choir, a Sunday School teacher and a member of the Contact Committee for the Personal Workers.

Shirley was always creative with a natural ability for drawing and, later in life, sculpting. In addition, she loved listening to and playing classical piano. She was very fashionable and enjoyed sewing and creating outfits to wear.

Shirley married Claude Albert Dangerfield on November 11, 1959 and to this union was born a son Claude II and a daughter, Dedra. After migrating back to her hometown, Philadelphia, she began to work at Community College of Philadelphia as secretary of the Business Manager. She matriculated through several positions and retired as coordinator of the Learning Lab. While working at Community College of Philadelphia, she received an Associate degree in General Studies in 1983.

After retirement, she moved to Youngstown, Ohio to be close to her family and back to the State she loved so much. She remained in Youngstown as a faithful member of the Mount Calvary Pentecostal Church of the PAW. She moved to Knoxville, TN in the Fall of 2018 when her health began to decline. No longer able to reside in the home, she became a resident of Dominion Senior Living in Johnson City and eventually became a resident of Dominion Senior Living of Bristol, a memory care facility.

She was called home to be with the Lord on December 26, 2025 at the age of 89. She leaves the legacy of a life well lived and it lives on in her children and grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by parents Thomas Hutson and Norma Otis Warfield, her aunt, Eileen Griffin, three brothers, Tommy, Jay and Darrell. She leaves to cherish her memory her children, Claude (Rose Marie) Dangerfield II of Gloucester, VA, Dedra (Roderick) Preston of Knoxville, TN, six grandchildren, Kala, Claude III (Giselle), Dionne, Roderick Jr (Olivia), Tamra and Nick. She, also, leaves behind two sisters, Joyce Hutson and Shirley Cadet and one brother, Michael Hutson, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. She, also, leaves behind a few cherished friends, Gloria Woods, Leila Latter and a special co-worker, Joan Monroe.

Shirley's life is measured by the relationships she developed through the years and the impact she had on these relationships. Furthermore, she maintained until the end, "My desire shall always be to contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints"





## A graphic featuring three pink roses and the word "Parents" in a cursive font. The roses are arranged in a cluster, and the word "Parents" is written in a large, elegant cursive script across them.



Homegoing Service for

*Mrs. Shirley B. Dangerfield*

Saturday, January 3, 2025 - 12 Noon  
Grace Temple Church Eternal Life Center  
208 Garden Drive Johnson City, TN 37604  
District Elder Mark Redd

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Clergy & Family

Hymn - "He Lives"

Prayer of Comfort

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Cornelius Lane

New Testament Reading

Selection:

Sister Felicia Hale

Acknowledgement/Remarks

Selection

Sister Carla Dunn

The Preached Word

District Elder Mark A. Redd

Altar Call

Recessional

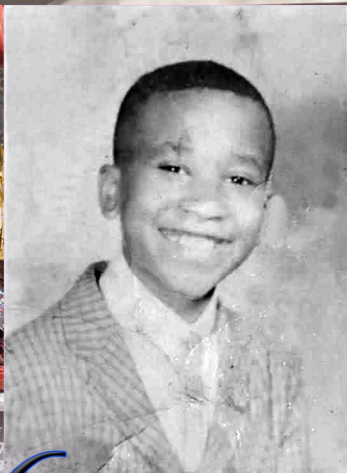
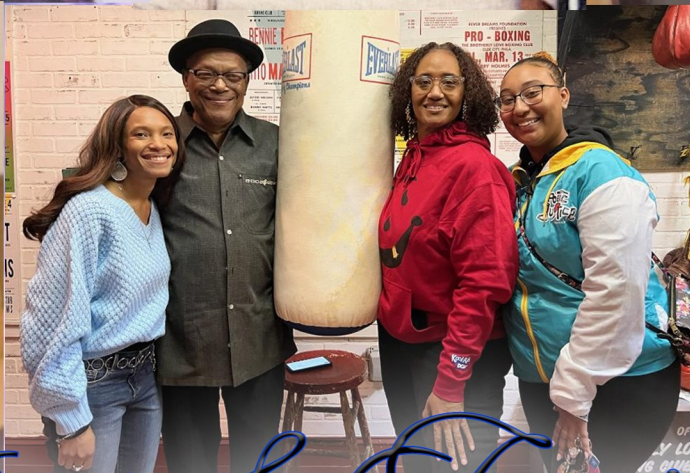
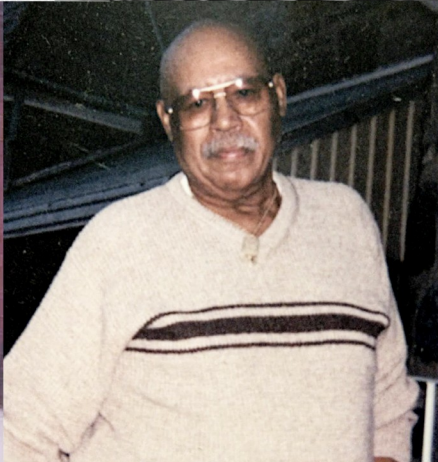
Immediately following the interment repast will be held in  
Grace Temple Church Eternal Life Center





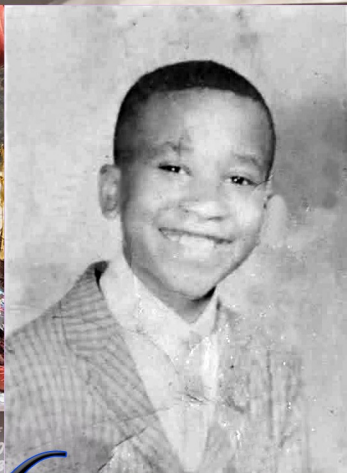
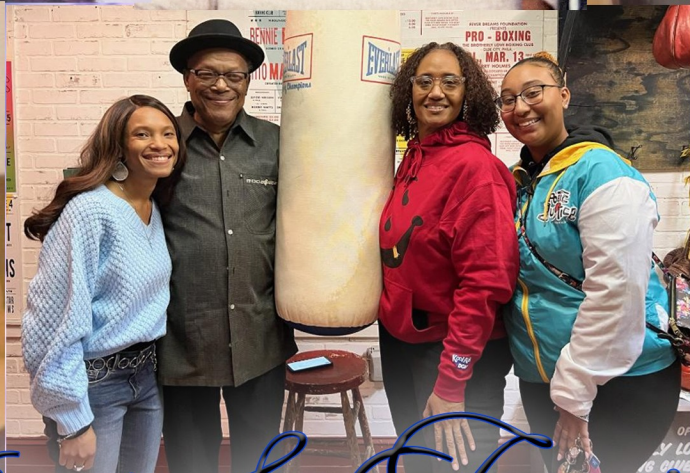






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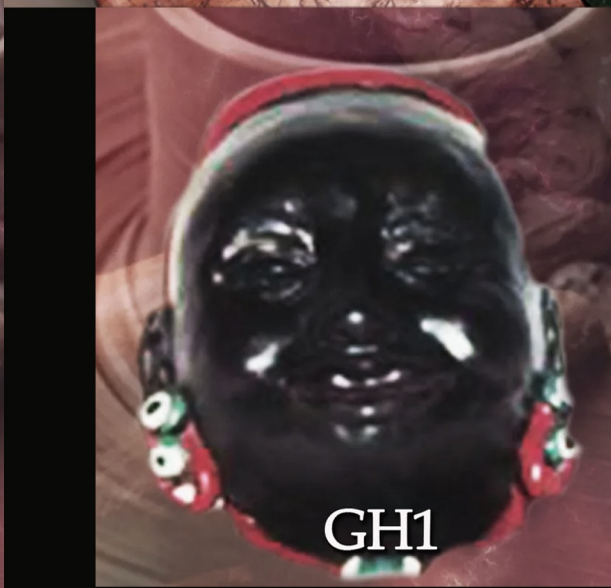


# Gifted Hands

Original Handcrafted Clay Works  
By Shirley B. Dangerfield

God formed man from the dust of the earth (Genesis 2:7) breathing into him the breath of life and man became a living a living soul. God has talented me with an ability to form life like images from earthenware. This skill awakens an increasing excitement with each sculpture that I form.

While working with clay, my anticipation grows to the point that it generates an uncontrollable desire to accelerate the process to complete each new figure because I yearn to see the final results. Then my emotions escalate to an electrifying elation, and there is an added intensified expectation that moves my concentration to a secluded plane of total absorption. Using the tools of my craft, I work with scrupulous care, forming, carving, pinching, attaching, waiting and looking with indescribable jubilation for the final manifestation of what is about to appear visible from what was formless. As individuals come into view, introducing themselves with their features and personalities uniquely crafted. I am finally, with bated breath, able to reach the limits of my delight in having created another unique individual. I delight in this talent that gives me the skill to handcraft these human figures, forming them from earthenware which produces an artistic enlightenment with a touch of tastefulness everyone can admire and enjoy as an additional refinement to life.



## Pallbearers

Claude Dangerfield II

Roderick Preston

Roderick Preston Jr.

Nicholas Prreston

Carl Laurie

## Family Acknowledgement

We the family extends our heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of love, support, and kindness shown to us during this time. Your prayers, calls, texts, shared meals, and quiet moments of compassion have truly sustained us. In these days of reflection, we have learned so many wonderful things about Mom that we never knew—stories, memories, and moments that have deepened our love and admiration for the incredible Woman of God she was to so many. Thank you for sharing your hearts with us and for helping us celebrate her life in such a meaningful way. Your love and support will remain with us always. May God's richest blessings be upon you.



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