



Mrs. Maxine (Shannon) Hamilton

August 20, 1947 - March 4, 2026

SALEM, NJ/BELLE GLADE, FL/UTICA, NY - Mrs. Maxine (Shannon) Hamilton, age 78, was called home to the Lord on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, the same week as her beloved brother, Carl Oliver. She was surrounded by a room full of loved ones at the time of her passing.

Born in Salem, NJ, on August 20, 1947, Maxine was the daughter of the late C.B. Shannon and Georgia (Smith) Rhodes. In her pre-teen years, she relocated to Belle Glade, FL.

On October 24, 1965, Maxine married John B. Hamilton. The couple shared a love for the outdoors and could often be found fishing together. They raised five children and were married for 50 years before John's passing in 2007.

Maxine developed a strong work ethic early in life, working with her family as sharecroppers and helping tend the fields to support the household. Despite the challenges of the times in which she was raised, she grew into a kind, generous, hardworking woman of God. Maxine later graduated from cosmetology school and spent much of her life as a kitchen beautician. A stylist by day and a chef by night, the kitchen was her sanctuary, where she raised her children and provided for her family.

Maxine was a woman of honesty and class, always dressed to the nines and

often seen in a stunning dress or a fashionable hat. When she held love for someone, it was always clear, and when she had a problem with someone, that was equally evident. Her firm and disciplined ways were her way of showing love, guiding and keeping those around her on the right path.

As a woman of faith, Maxine devoted her life to caring for those around her, from family and friends to neighbors and strangers. During the holidays, she spread joy by decorating and bringing festive cheer to everyone at Historic Park Apartments. A proud member of the House of God Church, she attended services regularly, sometimes up to three times a week. When she could not be physically present, she worshiped through television or radio.

Maxine instilled in the hearts of her loved ones the importance of living life to the fullest, loving everyone regardless of their story or background, helping one another, and never being afraid to speak their peace.

Maxine is survived by her children, Bobby Hamilton, Johnlee Hamilton, Micheal Hamilton, Regina Hamilton, and Arangerene Gregg-Curtis; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She cared and loved for the following grandchildren as if they were her own, Whitney Hamilton-Ragin, Christopher Hamilton, Rayshonda Mungo-Gray, Jahbo Simpson, Laruth "YaYa" Hamilton-McCray, and Zahare Wright. She also leaves to cherish her memory her siblings, Pricilla Bitting, Henry Oliver, Rosemary Bennett, Carlene Jones Colebrook, Dorothy Felton, Georgia Mae Smith, and Gloria Stenson. She held close to her heart her siblings who preceded her, David Shannon, and Carl Oliver.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the Wynn Hospital Staff of 3-West for the care and compassion shown to Maxine and her loved ones during their time of need. Maxine's family is eternally grateful to her daughter, Regina, who cared for her mother until her dying day.

Memorial contributions in Maxine's honor may be made to the Elizabeth Spiritual Worship Center online at <https://www.givelify.com/donate/OTU1Mw=/selection> or by mail to 2407 Silverside Rd, Wilmington, DE 19810.

Tribute Wall

NP

“ *Nathaniel Price lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maxine (Shannon) Hamilton*



Nathaniel Price - March 16 at 12:50 PM

CB

“ *My prayer condolences to the Hamilton family.*



Cornelia Brown - March 16 at 06:20 AM

EP

“ *My condolences to the Hamilton family, for the passing of Mrs. Hamilton. May Gods Grace cover and comfort you during this trying time.*



Elizabeth Patterson - Moyer

Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer - March 09 at 11:17 PM

DW

“ *Praying For The Family* 🙏🙌💕👉



Dolores Workman - March 08 at 01:27 PM

RS

“ *My condolences to the family*



Rose Simmons - March 08 at 10:18 AM

CP

“ *Cynthia Patterson-Bivens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maxine (Shannon) Hamilton*



Cynthia Patterson-Bivens - March 08 at 03:26 AM

RA

“ *Rest in Peace, Mrs. Maxine.*

My deepest condolences to your family. I will always cherish your honesty and the wisdom you shared with me. This world will not be the same without you. I truly appreciate the love and support you gave me over the years, and I'm so thankful to have spent so much time with your family.

Mrs. Maxine, thank you for your guidance and encouragement throughout my life. You have truly earned your wings, and now you are resting in God's hands.

I'm so sorry I cannot be there to celebrate your life, but please know that my thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Rachael Archie-Davis - March 07 at 09:54 PM

KK

“ Oh Maxine! It has truly been a pleasure meeting you and spending time with you talking about food. May you rest peacefully in the arms of our heavenly father.



Kay Kel - March 07 at 08:14 PM

DB

“ Darlene Branch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maxine (Shannon) Hamilton



Darlene Branch - March 07 at 06:06 PM

DU

“ Love you Aunty! You did so many great, amazing , wonderful things on this earth and helping so many people and families!! I know you're dancing in heaven!! Fly high ☐☐☐🕊️🕊️🕊️



duane.wynn89@gmail.com - March 07 at 05:27 AM

DW

“ Duane W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Maxine (Shannon) Hamilton.

Duane W. - March 07 at 05:09 AM

KA

“ My condolences to the family. Ms. Maxine was definitely a nice lady and cooked up a storm of food. Her mini sweet potato pies were something fierce. She is definitely a lady that has been around my family since I was a lot girl. When they say it takes a village, Ms. Maxine was living that because she definitely made sure if she saw us she said something and got us on track.

I'm appreciative to have grew up around her and her family because it was a family and neighborly no matter where you lived we were just a village.

My deepest of condolences to you all.



Kendel Archie - March 07 at 01:45 AM