



## Mrs. Sheila Ann (Rivers) Shelton

February 10, 1971 - May 10, 2020

UTICA - Mrs. Sheila Ann (Rivers) Shelton, age 49, went home to the Lord when she passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2020 in the arms of her loving husband, after a courageous battle.

Born in Utica on February 10, 1971, Sheila was the daughter of the late Edward "Steve" Jr. and SueAnn (Evans) Stevens. Raised and educated locally, she attended John F. Kennedy High School and continued her studies at the Utica School of Commerce. While working, she earned a degree in Business Administration through the University of Phoenix. Sheila adored her best friend and he was the love of her life, David Shelton, and on August 23, 2001 their hearts became one. They were later blessed with a son DaCoy, who was a marvelous addition to their lives.

Sheila worked at Faxton Hospital as a Certified Nursing Assistant and later at the AFSA Data Corporation where she was a lead person. Lastly, she was employed by the Bank of New York Mellon Corporation as a Supervisor. She was well qualified to carry out her responsibility to coordinate and oversee daily operations of the bank branch and motivate employees to meet the company goals and guidelines. Sheila had smiling eyes that animated her well-spoken words, and she maintained a balance between socializing and seeing to the serious things in life. She loved her mom from her heart and she clasped her hand as she crossed over. As a mom, Sheila was old-school when it came to raising her son, and her husband was so proud of all her efforts. She had an inquiring mind and a determination to enhance her

knowledge and apply it to her daily life. She was related to 3/4 of Utica, and at her family homestead the backyard and streets would overflow during any of their many memorable gatherings. You can envision the music playing and Sheila dancing along with all the newest dance moves. She loved being together with her family and she would never have traded any of these moments because she was always so aware of who she was. She was a fan of the Gilmore Girls, and was outstanding at preparing food and putting her own spin on the recipes. She had an aspiration and dream of preparing African American cuisine and making “plates” available for people to savor with her soul food. Sheila was a member of the Kingdom Harvest Apostolic Church in Rome. She was a true believer and was grateful for the guidance of her faith.

Sheila is survived by her loving husband, David; her adored son, DaCoy Shelton. She is also survived by David’s children that were her step-children; siblings, Vincent Harris, and Christine and Christopher Gooch; and half-siblings Adrian, Rivera, and Bethany; and a host of aunts and uncles, especially her Aunt Juanita, Aunt Dot, Uncle Ransom, Aunt Rosetta, and Uncle Archie; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, and a multitude of friends. She was predeceased by her Uncle Sam Sr. The family is grateful to Dr. Daniel Goodman, and Dr. Najam Ud Din; the staff of the Faxton Regional Cancer Center; the doctors and nurses at Strong Memorial Hospital; and her “everyday people” who were her main support and gave endless acts of kindness through these difficult times, Andrea and David Shaw. The family also extends thanks and appreciation for the spiritual guidance and faith of Pastor Elder James Richardson, Sr. and First Lady Betty Richardson who are also DaCoy’s godparents.

Due to current health concerns and in keeping with federal and state regulations, Sheila’s family will honor her life privately.

Please take a moment to connect with Sheila’s family through the “Memories” section of her obituary on our website.

Our prayers continue to go out to all as a sign of our community support.



# Tribute Wall

CU

“ Thinking of you today as we use to meet at Walmart’s shopping. I missed those days at BNYMellon. I’m going to miss you whenever there’s another wine tasting at the Aud. Things will never be the same. I saw David the other day, he’s missing you terribly as I know your son is too. My daily prayers are with them. Continuing Wrapping your loving spirit around them you’re a their beautiful angel. We loved you dearly Sheila! You’ll never be forgotten. Sleep well my friend. Till we meet again! Love Cleon & Patricia Frazier



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**Cleon A. & Patricia A. Frazier - Utica** - July 21, 2020 at 12:23 PM

MB

“ David and family,  
  
So very sorry to learn of your wife’s passing. Please accept our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Bob and Maggie Beck

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**Margaret Beck** - June 02, 2020 at 12:41 PM

RM

“ Reta Mahl lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sheila Ann (Rivers) Shelton



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**Reta Mahl** - May 20, 2020 at 08:27 AM

RS

“ *Robert Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sheila Ann (Rivers) Shelton*



Robert Smith - May 19, 2020 at 11:56 PM

CJ

“ *Christina Jacob lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sheila Ann (Rivers) Shelton*



christina jacob - May 19, 2020 at 01:21 PM

JD

“ *Sheila you will be very missed at BNYMellon. As I read through these tributes I can see you touched many lives not only mine. Every time you saw me coming you would say 'Hi Buddy'. I am so happy that the last time I saw you in the hall at work you reached out and gave me a hug and told me to take care and I voiced the same sentiment. Your light will shine bright for years to come. Your co-workers at BNYM will always cherish you. Prayers and condolences to her husband and son as well as all members of her family. Rest easy my friend.*

JoAnna DeCondo - May 19, 2020 at 12:44 PM

HG

“ *Hillary G. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sheila Ann (Rivers) Shelton*



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**Hillary G.** - May 19, 2020 at 12:31 PM

KW

“ *Seeing Sheila was always a bright spot in my day at work. No matter how stressed or anxious other pieces of the day may have made me feel, running into Sheila and seeing her bright smile always brought a return smile to my face. She always made it a point to say hello in a way that felt genuine, warm and real....she will be remembered by many for that. My heart goes out to you, her entire family, at this time of loss.*

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**Kara Widrig** - May 19, 2020 at 12:26 PM

JR

“ *Julia Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sheila Ann (Rivers) Shelton*



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**Julia Reynolds** - May 18, 2020 at 05:57 PM

CS

“ *Carrie Sears lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sheila Ann (Rivers) Shelton*



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**Carrie Sears** - May 18, 2020 at 11:27 AM

CP

“ *Sheila was truly a gift from God to those of us who had the privilege to know her. She was a beautiful and bright star and much loved by everyone at BNY Mellon. Her smile lit up a room and your heart, and I never heard her utter a negative word about anyone or any situation. She was courageous and dignified in her battle. The world is a much better place because of Sheila. She rests now with our Lord and my prayers are for her family and many friends.*

Christine Potocki - May 18, 2020 at 11:16 AM

DS

“ *I only knew Sheila because she was my wife's friend. But there was one thing I wish I had said to her. I wish I had said thank you for being my wife's friend. For showcasing your bravery, your perseverance and just sharing yourself and your family with us. I may not have known Sheila very well, but I still feel like I lost a close friend. My heart goes out to the Shelton and Rivers families. God bless.*



David Shaw - May 16, 2020 at 08:28 PM

CA

*Sympathy and prayers 🙏 to the family and Blessings she 's known and loved by her cousin Rivera*

cathysellman96@gmail.com - May 18, 2020 at 12:53 PM

LS

“ *Linda Spratt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sheila Ann (Rivers) Shelton*



Linda Spratt - May 16, 2020 at 11:26 AM

HP

“ Hazel Pugh lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sheila Ann (Rivers) Shelton



Hazel Pugh - May 16, 2020 at 10:26 AM

HP

*I just met Sheila for the first time when she came to Strong Hospital. Her humbleness, warmth, and kindness was noticeable right away...and of course her smile as she weathered the storm. Upon meeting her I knew that she had brought sunshine into David's life and for him she is irreplaceable. Her spirit is of peace and love. My condolences to you David and to her entire family. Peace and blessings be unto you all...and until we meet again RIP Sheila 🙏🙏🙏*

Hazel Pugh - May 16, 2020 at 10:35 AM

SB

“ Susan Greene Bynum lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sheila Ann (Rivers) Shelton



Susan Greene Bynum - May 16, 2020 at 09:46 AM

DT

“ Such a lovely soul. Always had a beautiful smile & positive attitude. She holds a very special place in the heart of all of us. The fragrance of her sweet life lingers in our memories.

Donna Townsend - May 15, 2020 at 08:40 AM

CP

“ Cynthia Patterson-Bivens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sheila Ann (Rivers) Shelton



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**Cynthia Patterson-Bivens** - May 15, 2020 at 07:59 AM

JF

“ It was always a happy moment when you ran into Sheila at work. Her smile and positivity made you feel better no matter what was going on. Gone far too soon! Prayers and love to her family.

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**Jen Figueroa** - May 15, 2020 at 07:01 AM

BR

“ Sending our sincere condolences to cousin David and Sheila's family during this difficult time. May you rest peacefully.



-The Newtom, Haynes (Dorothy) and Roundtree family

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**Brittany Roundtree** - May 14, 2020 at 11:41 PM

SN

“ Sheila was a great friend. I will forever cherish every fun moment we shared. She will be missed but never forgotten. Love you my friend, until we meet again. My condolences to the family, you all are in my prayers.

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**Serena Northern** - May 14, 2020 at 09:24 PM

IA

“ With love and sincerity I send prayerful condolences to the Evan's Family, Sheldon and Rivers. Shelia is and was a beautiful energy on the inside and outside.💕

lesha Alpheaus - May 14, 2020 at 09:02 PM

ML

“ She was always smiling and full of life. I miss running into her in the cafeteria in the morning or passing her in the hallway. She was taken way to early and she will deeply be missed. I was an honor to have the chance to get to onus her. ❤️❤️🙏🙏😊😊



Michele LaPolla-Bintz - May 14, 2020 at 08:51 PM

TL

“ I will miss that happy smiley face at work! We spent many years working together in our bny family. I'm going to miss you!

Tiffany LiVigni - May 14, 2020 at 08:38 PM



“ I will always cherish the great times we had over the 20+ years of working together. I will miss that beautiful smile and laughter. My heart goes out to her family, especially David and DaCoy. Rest in peace my friend, you will forever be missed but never forgotten.



Maribeth Deery - May 14, 2020 at 08:27 PM

AS

“ We're going to miss Sheila at work. Her beautiful smile, warm personality, and positive energy could brighten a person's day. May she rest in peace.

Ann Stedman - May 14, 2020 at 07:51 PM

RB

“ I had the pleasure of working with Sheila for a number of years. Sheila made a lasting impression on all of her colleagues and her smile had the ability to brighten up the room. My condolences to her family.

Ron B - May 14, 2020 at 07:49 PM

CC

“ Carla Clark lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sheila Ann (Rivers) Shelton



Carla Clark - May 14, 2020 at 07:47 PM

CC

My Condolences To The Entire Family ❤️🙏 R.I.P. Sheila 😭

Carla Clark - May 14, 2020 at 07:48 PM

CG

“ My Condolences to the familys Shelia a cousin of my cousins her memories will will not be forgotten by whoms lives she touch, may she rest in peace.



Corean Green - May 14, 2020 at 07:14 PM

LS

“ Sheila was an amazing full of life person with a smile that was amazing. I worked with her at the bank and to be honest God Gained an amazing Angel. R.I.P. Love you girl Laurie Schaefer

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**laurie schaefer** - May 14, 2020 at 07:10 PM

CG

“ Sheila had a beautiful soul and heart. Everyday she would walk past my seat and say good morning. She always brightened my day when I saw her and her smile was contagious. I'm sadden to know that our world will be a little less bright without Sheila. My heart goes out to her family.  
My deepest condolences,

Carl Gleba

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**Carl Gleba** - May 14, 2020 at 07:09 PM

TS

“ Sheila was an amazing woman and I am incredibly grateful to have called her my friend. My thoughts and prayers to her family . RIP my friend 🥺💔

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**Tricia Shue** - May 14, 2020 at 06:55 PM

ND

“ NICOLE DORSEY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sheila Ann (Rivers) Shelton



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**NICOLE DORSEY** - May 14, 2020 at 05:12 PM

CS

“ *Rest In Peace. Our hearts go out to the family at this time.*

*Ronald and Christine (Smith) Tarver Sr.*



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**christine Smith** - May 14, 2020 at 05:10 PM

TM

“ *David and DaCoy my heart is with you as you grieve. My love for Sheila extends to you both, her boys. Rest easy dear friend and take care of your boys from above. Say hi to Miss Sue for me.*

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**Terri McMahon** - May 14, 2020 at 04:46 PM

KO

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. Sheila was a wonderful person who will be missed dearly. Sheila and I had many conversations on family, she always made it clear just how much she loved hers. I just spoke with her this past Friday and its hard to imagine she is gone. Sending you all my deepest condolences.*

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**Kelly Olivas** - May 14, 2020 at 04:45 PM

DW

“ *Condolences to the Shelton/ Evans families. Sheila was a beautiful lady with a beautiful heart. Prayers of comfort.*



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**Dawn Winston** - May 14, 2020 at 04:35 PM

SH

“ *Sheila H. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sheila Ann (Rivers) Shelton*



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**Sheila H.** - May 14, 2020 at 04:33 PM

NB

“ *Nea Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sheila Ann (Rivers) Shelton*



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**Nea Brown** - May 14, 2020 at 04:32 PM

EL

“ *My deepest condolences to the family during this difficult time, you are in my prayers.*



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**Edna Liggins-Martin** - May 14, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ *My days will not be the same without being able to see your beautiful smile and love for life. It is truly an honor to have known you. My heartfelt condolences to David and DaCoy and all of your family and friends. You have an angel looking over you now.*  
- BNY Mellon

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**Cheryl Baye** - May 14, 2020 at 04:09 PM

FL

*I had the honor to work with Sheila for several years at the Bank . She was not only an incredible worker but a shining light in the office . Her daily smile and laughter made the day a more pleasant one . She will be dearly missed but not forgotten*

Frank Di Lorenzo - May 14, 2020 at 04:25 PM

AC

*My sincere condolences to David and DaCoy and all of Sheila's family.*

Anthony Cittadino - May 14, 2020 at 04:39 PM

AP

“ *Angela Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sheila Ann (Rivers) Shelton*



Angela patterson - May 14, 2020 at 04:03 PM

AP

*I will always rember you that smile My High School Buddy rest easy never would forget you*

Angela patterson - May 14, 2020 at 04:04 PM

PB

“ *Paulette Brown-Haithcox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sheila Ann (Rivers) Shelton*



Paulette Brown-Haithcox - May 14, 2020 at 03:59 PM

RJ

“ I WILL NEVER FORGET YOUR BEAUTIFUL SMILE MY COUSIN SHEALEY AND YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!



RODNEY JONES - May 14, 2020 at 03:35 PM

TH

“ My deepest condolences to the family during this difficult time. God Bless all of you.



Tonya Hamell - May 14, 2020 at 03:30 PM

DB

“ Sheila you were always special to me. I love you and I miss you so much.

*Rest in peace  
Aunt Dot*

Dorothy m Blair - May 14, 2020 at 03:22 PM

TJ

“ Tabatha Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sheila Ann (Rivers) Shelton



Tabatha Jones - May 14, 2020 at 03:03 PM

TJ

“ My deepest condolences to the family. May God bring you peace during this difficult time. 🙏

Tabatha Jones - May 14, 2020 at 03:02 PM

CA

“ I remember Sheila being my PC at BNY Mellon holding me down, pushing me, and teaching me so much when I was there. Truly will be missed and that SMILE that could light up ANY room! S.I.P. Sheila! Praying for the family... STRENGTH and PEACE to Your Husband and Son.

Cameron - May 14, 2020 at 02:35 PM

TB

“ R.I.H my dear sweet ,gentle and kind cousin you are truly going to be missed I love you with all my heart sweetheart 💕💕

Tina Brown - May 14, 2020 at 02:06 PM

AE

“ Cuz I'm going to miss u so much S.I.P

Andrea evans - May 14, 2020 at 02:06 PM

VE

“ R.I.P. to the Queen of the dance slides at all the family cookouts. You will truly be missed love you cuz💕💕



Veronica Evans - May 14, 2020 at 01:52 PM

DF

“ *David and DaCoy, your in my prayers as you go through this difficult time.*



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**Diana C Greene and family** - May 14, 2020 at 01:40 PM

DF

“ *Sheila, I'm missing you dearly  
Love always,  
Cousin Diana*

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**Diana C Greene and family** - May 14, 2020 at 01:38 PM

FG

“ *RiH, I'll miss your lovely smile, you were always there for me and my family. I Love cuz.*



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**Felicia Greene** - May 14, 2020 at 01:31 PM