

*Celebrating the Life  
of  
Sharon E. Staten*

Sunrise  
May 18, 1960

Sunset  
May 5, 2023



*Wednesday, May 31, 2023*

**Visitation: 11:00 a.m.**  
**Service: 1:00 p.m.**

*Lee Funeral Home  
6633 Old Alexandria Ferry Road  
Clinton, Maryland 20735*

# Obituary

*Sharon Eileen Staten, daughter of the late William Thomas Staten and Evelyn Dudley Staten Hawkins, was born in Washington, D.C. on May 18, 1960. She departed this life for the eternal light on May 5, 2023, in Fort Washington, Maryland.*

*Sharon received her early education in the public schools of Prince George's County and graduated from Friendly High School. After completing high school, she attended Columbia College in Columbia, South Carolina.*

*She served her country honorably in the United States Army for three years, earning the rank of Specialist/E4.*

*A loyal federal employee for over twenty-five years, Sharon worked for the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of State.*

*Sharon was a faithful member of From the Heart Church Ministries®.*

*Sharon's smile and sweet spirit appealed to everyone. She would reach out to anyone who needed a listening ear, a good meal or a helping hand.*

*Sharon loved to read and draw. She was gifted at putting her thoughts in poignant ways through her essays and poetry. She loved cooking, a talent she learned from her grandmother, Louvenia Staten.*

*Life for Sharon was not always full of sunshine. In her latter years, she faced some challenges, but because of the power of her faith, she was able to overcome the trials she faced. SHE KNEW SHE WAS LOVED!*

*Those left to cherish fond memories are special cousins, Jamila Jones Kennedy, Angela Jones de Turbi, Louis Johnson, Koren Kennedy, and Norah Kennedy; aunts, Helen Yvonne Staten Jones, and Gwen Staten; great aunt, Lena Henderson, and other relatives and friends.*



# Order of Service

## Invocation

Congregational Hymn .....“It Is Well With My Soul”

## Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 23  
New Testament: Philippians 4:4-13

## Prayer of Comfort

Selection ..... FTH Psalmist

## Acknowledgements

## Remarks

Ms. Erica Brown, Friend and Caregiver  
Mr. DeJuan Nichelson, Long-time Friend  
Mrs. Karen Rosser, Tantallon Community Neighbor

Poem ..... Ms.Koren Kennedy

## Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation ..... FTH Psalmist

Message of Hope ..... Minister Vance Page

## Call to Christ

## Military Recognition

## Recessional





## *Congregational Hymn*

### *“It Is Well With My Soul”*

*When peace like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like seabillows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought,  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*And, Lord, haste the day when  
the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the  
Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.*

### *CHORUS*

*It is well, with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*



## *"I Am Grateful"*

*by Sharon Staten*

*I am grateful because I am 62 years of age, never experiencing a hurricane, a tornado, an earthquake. Throughout the trials and tribulations called life, I was my own natural disaster. But the challenges I faced were no greater or no less than anyone else's.*

*I am grateful that the riches I have are of greater value than money.*

*There are six words that are used more than any other words in the English language. They are "God Bless You" and "I Love You." I am grateful to not have used such strong and powerful words to take advantage of kind and grateful people that are content with what they do have, but would willingly sacrifice as Our Father God and Lord Jesus Christ did.*

*I am grateful to be blessed to give freely to others without expecting anything in return.*

*To know and experience the true love of God is the best thing I could ever be grateful for.*









## *Flower Bearers*

*Family and Friends*

## *Acknowledgement*

*We, the family of Sharon Eileen Staten, wish to express our gratitude and appreciation to each of you for your many acts of kindness and words of condolence expressed during this time of bereavement. May God bless and keep each of you in His care.*

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