

*In Loving Memory of*



*Sybil E. Housen*

*Sunrise*  
*August 15, 1937*

*Sunset*  
*July 12, 2011*

*Service*

*Monday, July 18, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

1406 Pitkin Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 10027

*Bishop Norris Ashton, Officiating*

# Order of Service

*Psalm 27:1-2 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fall.*

*Processional ..... The Family*

*Hymn ..... Participant*

*Invocation ..... Bishop Norris Ashton*

*Scripture Reading ..... Veronica Garcia*

*Obituary ..... Takiyah Thomas & Dominique Aberdeen*

*Tributes ..... Friends & Family*

*Hymn ..... Participant*

*Eulogy ..... Bishop Norris Ashton*

*Closing Hymn ..... Participant*

## Entombment

*Tuesday, July 19, 2011  
Rosemount Mausoleum  
Elizabeth, New Jersey*

## *Her, Life, Her Legacy*

### *Sybil E. Housen*

*Preceding her in death, Dorothy Kirton and Ruben Lewis gave birth to their first child, Sybil Lewis on August 15, 1937 in Trinidad, West Indies. Sybil attended and completed her schooling at Tunapuna Anglican School.*

*Upon graduation while in Trinidad, she gave birth to four wonderful children, Ashton, Neil, Dorette and Shurlene. She worked at the University of the West Indies for several years where, she met the love of her life Mervyn Housen. They later migrated and married in the United States.*

*Sybil and Mervyn lived at the address we all visited, ate or "parang" at during the holidays, 780 Saint Marks." There they gave birth to their last two children, Orisa and Atiha. During that time Sybil established life long friendships and created the "780 Crew". This crew was responsible for decades of bus rides, weekend hangouts and in the spirit of her culture Labor Day weekend "Limes."*

*In the 1970's, Sybil began working at Marcus Garvey Nursing Home as a nurse's assistant for over twenty years, where she retired in 1996.*

*If you needed a place to stay, a piece of black cake or an ear to listen, she was there with warm words of advice, stern words of reason or when all else failed, a go to partner to get the job done.*

*Partnered with her mother, Dorothy who preceded in death, Sybil became known to all who knew her best as "Nana". Nana's kind heart, spoiling demeanor and good cooking are just a few of the characteristics that made her the dynamic child care provider that she remained until her sunset.*

*Nana will be forever loved by: (brother), Robert Griffith; (husband), Mervyn Housen; (children), Ashton George, John Wayne (Neil) George (preceded in death), Dorette Thomas, Shurlene Aberdeen, Orisa Barnett and Atiba Housen; (cousin), Phyllis Henry - because they were inseparable many people thought they were sisters; (adopted children), Sylvia Benn, Patricia Pamphile and Kathy Bascillo; (grandchildren), Takiyah, Dominique, Stephon, Nekwae, Karryl and Anessa; in-laws, Junior Thomas, Lester Aberdeen and Karlin Housen; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.*

# Remember Love

*Remember me, whilst I sleep, my love, in your heart to  
always keep. That distant laugh: that hidden smile,  
will bring me back; to you a while.*

*Remember love, that once we shared, unspoken  
strength, throughout despair. That gentle touch and  
what we meant. Feel now no grief;  
just loving strength.*

*Remember us, and all we are, no distance life seen  
from a far. Remember all the love we gave, whilst soft  
I sleep; in this sweet grave.*

## Acknowledgement

*Our family wishes to extend our gratitude to everyone for your  
prayers, well wishes and generosity during this period of bereavement.*

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