

A portrait of a woman with short, dark, curly hair, smiling, is positioned in the upper left. A large, vibrant yellow rose is the central focus, partially overlapping the woman's portrait. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting foliage.

*In Loving
Memory
of*

Sherrie Wood

Sunrise
May 11, 1953

Sunset
December 4, 2011

Service

Saturday, December 10, 2011 - 5:00 p.m.

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2352 8th Avenue
New York, New York 10027

Obituary

On the morning of Sunday, December 4, 2011, God dispatched one of his angels down to bring another one home. **Sherrie Desiree Wood** entered into eternal rest at St. Luke's Hospital in New York City.

The daughter of the late June Wood and Philip Patrick, Sherrie was born, May 11, 1953. She graduated from Louis D. Brandeis High School. Sherrie held executive assistant positions at: Project Create, the infamous Schirmer's Music Publishing Company, Ellis Hosiery and the TBM Maintenance Company.

Sherrie was raised in Harlem, New York in the building simply known as "25". This was a community where music was the foundation. On any given day particularly, in Sherrie's apartment, you could hear her and her friends rehearsing. Many of the neighbors got accustomed to her voice and grew eager to hear the sounds that regularly resonated throughout the building.

Sherrie treasured her family and made it a point to keep regular contact with all of her relatives. She was a tremendous friend to many, and to those fortunate enough, a best friend to a chosen few. She always had time for you, to listen, talk or just laugh. For many of us, she was our historian, one could always count on her for facts of intricate details. Sherrie was a huge music lover, she enjoyed singing and listening to artists such as, Stevie Wonder, The Supremes, Marvin Gaye, Barbara Streisand and Luther Vandross just to name a few. As a high school freshman, Sherrie met Jackie McFadden and Linda Ingram, the three remained friends throughout their lives. Later they would meet Sheri Fluellen and their singing group, Sheri, Sherrie and Jackie was formed. They would become runner-ups of amateur night at the world famous Apollo Theater. For those lucky enough to have the memory, it was a treat to see and hear them perform. Sherrie's great sense of humor, impeccable fashion sense, and that melodic voice made it a pure joy to be in her company.

Sherrie was preceded in death by her mother, June Wood-Riley (2010), brother, Gregory Wood (2002), cousin, Gary Mitchell (1994), aunt, Marilyn Wood Mitchell (1981), grandparents, Hilda and Clemens Wood and her eldest sister, Valerie.

She leaves to celebrate her life: daughter, Tabia; siblings, Ron, Martin, Marcine and Kenya; uncles, Mitch and Woody; aunt, Joan; nieces, Leilani, Renay and Leana; nephews, Michael, Jamel, Lamar and Jordan; grandnephews, Mazen and Faiz; brother-in-law, Lawrence and sister-in-law, Denise; cousins, Rhonda, Allison, Debbie, Brenda, Sandra, Missy, Tony, Gary, Jr., Marilyn, Melissa, Matthew and Anthony; her dearest friends, Christine Watts-Rowe, Linda Ingram, Lilly (Jackie) McFadden-Peterson and Gwendolyn Bruce; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Let's All Celebrate Sherrie's Life Together!

Order of Service

Processional

Selection Evangelist Carol Johnson

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer

Poem An Eternal Friendship by Christine Watts-Rowe

Reflection

Obituary Michael R. Johnson, II

Eulogy Reverend Alfreda Griffin

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition
Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York

Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

*“When I say goodbye it is never for long
‘Cause I know our love will live on
And it’ll be again exactly like it was
‘Cause I believe in the Power of Love”*

~Luther Vandross

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.



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