

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of Cheryl D. Grice, a Black woman with short dark hair, wearing glasses, a white halter-neck top, a necklace, and earrings. The background of the portrait is a soft, out-of-focus pink rose. The entire portrait is set against a larger background of a red rose on the left and a warm orange-to-yellow gradient on the right.

Cheryl D. Grice

Sunrise
January 16, 1961

Sunset
December 16, 2011

Service

Thursday, December 29, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

WHITE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

152 West 127th Street
New York, New York

Obituary

Cheryl Denise Grice began her life's journey in New York City where she was born to the proud parents of Theodore Roosevelt Grice (deceased) and Elizabeth Jones-Grice on January 16, 1961.

Her early education began in Harlem at P.S. 206 and J.H.S. 13. She then attended Norman Thomas and Julia Richmond High Schools and later graduated from the Borough of Manhattan Community College.

Cheryl began working as a young teenager for the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation and worked there for thirty-three years. Her role began as a City Parks Worker then she was promoted to a Parks Supervisor. Cheryl worked in various districts at different times which included the east side of Harlem from 110th to 135th Streets and the Chelsea area in Manhattan. She enjoyed working with her peers and helping others. The Parks became a major part of her life which she enjoyed.

Cheryl joined Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in NYC at an early age. She was a faithful member and enjoyed singing in the choir. The church provided a safe and secure learning environment which enabled her to enjoy the love of God. She later joined White Rock Baptist Church where she met new people and enjoyed serving. Cheryl sometimes helped to prepare church bulletins and was up for other tasks presented to her. At times she participated in Bible Study which helped increase her knowledge of God's Word. When she did not attend Sunday service, she often times watched services on television. Cheryl did not say life was easy but nor did God say it would be. She had her ups and downs, yet her good days definitely outweighed her bad days.

Cheryl leaves behind to grow in grace: her lovely daughter, Latonya Charmaine Burroughs; her mother, Elizabeth Jones-Grice; her older brother, Theodore Anthony Grice; her younger brother, Russell Keith Grice; her sister-in-law, Katherine; a step-mother, Gladys; nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, godchildren, other relatives and friends and a group of "special well-loved sister-friends" which include, Latonya's godmothers, Beverly, Regina and Sharon.

Cheryl departed this life on December 16, 2011. Her journey on this side was not very long and we will probably never know the many challenges she faced; however, we should not judge. What we should do is pray for the family and show them love and support. Proverbs 17:22 NIV says, *"A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones"*. *Family and friends, love Cheryl, but let her go. Hold on to memories of the good times and those times you just laughed with her. Now the God of Peace be with you all. Amen.*

Order of Service

Presiding - Elder Dr. Jo-Ann Coleman

Processional

Invocation Prayer..... Missionary Debra Butler

Hymn of Praise“Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13 Mrs. Regina Westbrook

New Testament – Romans 15:1-6 Mrs. Karen Smith-Williams

Prayer of Consolation Elder Margaret Gurley

Selection White Rock Baptist Church Combined Choir

Acknowledgments Sis. Aleta Cabral

Resolution Sis. Vanessa Johnson

Reflections Deacon Bernice Johnson

Ms. Beverly Dowe-Bristow

Selection White Rock Baptist Church Combined Choir

Obituary..... Mrs. Sharon Froston

Sermonic Solo “I Won’t Complain”

Elder Roni Becoate

Eulogy..... Bishop Vincent R. Cooper, Pastor

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Kensico Cemetery

Valhalla, New York

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to thank all those assembled here to celebrate the life of **Cheryl Denise Grice**. We appreciate the cards, calls, kind words and prayers. A special thanks to the City of New York Parks and Recreation Agency for their support. We thank White Rock Baptist Church for opening their doors to us and Unity Funeral Chapels for their guidance and assistance during this difficult time. We pray the Lord will comfort all of us during this time of sorrow.

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