

In Loving Memory of



Shirley Ann Beard

Sunrise
October 8, 1947

Sunset
May 31, 2012

Service

Wednesday, June 6, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

155-15 Jamaica Avenue
Jamaica, New York 11432

The Reverend Darryl F. James, Celebrant
The Reverend Charles Nelson, Deacon Assistant
Mr. Joseph Waterman, Organist

Obituary

Daughter of Lillie Mae & Harold Alexander. Received a bachelor's degree in nursing. She leaves to mourn a daughter Alisa, and three grandchildren Vaughn, Pierre, Hassana and a host of other relatives and friends.

Remember Me

To the living, I am gone,
To the sorrowful I will never return,
I am at peace with myself and the Lord,
I cannot speak, but I can listen
I cannot be seen but I can be heard,
So remember me in
your heart and thoughts,
Remember me in your memories,
Remember me of the times we loved,
Remember me of the times we laughed,
Remember me of the times we cried,
Remember me of the times we fought
And always remember me of the times
we lived together. I am resting in peace
with the highest hope that some day
we shall all unite again in
God's Kingdom.

-Author unknown

Asleep

I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,
So there's no reason for you to weep;
This is a debt we all must pay,
You will see me again someday.
I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow,
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow.
But life for you must go on,
You must not worry because I'm gone.
You stood beside me all the way,
When I was down, you knew what to say ...
You always told me, "get some rest,"
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.
So please let me rest in peace,
The tears you're shedding soon will cease.
You'll soon realize this was meant to be, I
thank God because He came for me.

-Emily Dickinson

Away

Away from earth's worries
Away from all cares
Our loved one is sleeping
Beyond the sun's glare,
Her life's work is finished
So why should we weep?
In God's wonderful garden
She has fallen asleep.

-Author unknown



The Burial Office and Eucharist of the Resurrection
for Shirley Ann Beard

The Reception of the Body BCP 466
The Anthem at the Entrance BCP 491
Opening Hymn “Amazing Grace” LEVAS 181

The Collects BCP 493

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 61:1-3
The Psalm 27 Page 27
The Epistle Romans 8:14-1, 34-35, 37-39
Poetic Reading Hassana Alexander
The Sequence Hymn “How Great Thou Art” LEVAS 60
The Gospel - John 14:1-6 Deacon Charles Nelson
The Homily Father Darryl F. James
The Apostles’ Creed BCP 496
The Prayers BCP 497
The Peace

The Liturgy of the Holy Communion

The Offertory Selection “The Little Light of Mine” LEVAS 221
The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361
The Lord’s Prayer
The Breaking of the Bread
The Communion of the Faithful (All Baptized Christians welcome to receive communion)
The Communion Hymn “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” LEVAS 120
The Post Communion Prayer BCP 498
The Commendation BCP 499
The Blessing and Dismissal
The Closing Hymn “When We All Get To Heaven” LEVAS 20

Interment

Springfield Cemetery
Springfield Gardens, New York

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

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the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

May God Bless and Keep You!

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