

*In Loving
Memory
of*



Cheryl Singleton

Sunrise

May 22, 1949

Sunset

November 10, 2012

Saturday, November 17, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

Church of The Resurrection

100-17 32nd Avenue • East Elmhurst, New York

Father Pierre-Andre DuVert, Officiating

The Obituary

Cheryl Singleton was born in Harlem on May 22, 1949, the eldest of three children of James and Julia McKinny Walker. **Cheryl's** mother Julia died when she was eleven years old and **Cheryl** was raised by her father and paternal grandmother, Lillian Walker. **Cheryl's** brothers James and Barry predeceased her over thirty years ago under traumatic circumstances. Soon after her mother's death, **Cheryl** was diagnosed with schizophrenia and its inherent problems plagued her for the rest of her life.

Cheryl was educated in the New York Public School System and graduated from Evander Childs High School in the Bronx. **Cheryl** and her cousin Linda grew up together. As teenagers they were inseparable and enjoyed sharing activities with each other. **Cheryl** and Linda were confirmants together at All Souls Church in Harlem.

Cheryl married Joseph Singleton and moved to Springfield, Massachusetts where she worked as an office worker in an insurance company. While Joseph was a student at Springfield College, **Cheryl** struggled to make a success of her marriage but after three years, Joseph had problems with law enforcement. Consequently, **Cheryl's** uncle Richard and Aunt Avis brought her back to New York. She soon divorced Joseph and attempted to move on with her life.

In 1992, **Cheryl** moved to Detroit to live with her aunt Katherine Ward with the hope that the change was a good move. For approximately fifteen years, **Cheryl** did live somewhat a normal life. She attended church with her aunt and worked in the church soup kitchen serving the needy in the community. When **Cheryl's** aunt and her aunts' two sons, Richard and Anthony died, **Cheryl** returned to New York City. Periodically, **Cheryl** lived with aunt Avis and her cousin Linda, but the disease was increasingly taking its toll on her. In 2010, **Cheryl** was relocated to an apartment in Ana's House that was run by Catholic Charities. Cheryl loved her little apartment and took great pride and joy decorating it. She believed her luck was finally changing and we shared in her happiness. Unfortunately, **Cheryl's** happiness was short lived because she was diagnosed with cancer.

Cheryl has faced many challenges including lack of permanent housing, poor finances, and illness. **Cheryl** never questioned why her life was so difficult. Her attitude and personality was positive and she appreciated any act of kindness, however big or small, that most people take for granted.

Cheryl had a beauty of spirit and she and an infectious laugh that when she laughed she made us all laugh with her. **Cheryl** loved her family and enjoyed family gatherings at Linda's home. We will cherish the memory of the good times we shared with her.

Cheryl will be lovingly remembered by Aunt Avis McKenny; cousins, Linda and Aldo Smith, Caitlin Smith, Tevornique' McKenny; cousins, Joan and Tom Lynch who reside in Florida; Extended family, Aunt Margaret Mullings and cousins, Michael Mullings, Michelle and Billy Wright Mullings. **Cheryl's** family was small in number, but our love for her was limitless. We pray that **Cheryl** will find everlasting peace and joy in Heaven that was so elusive to her on earth.

Rest in peace dear **Cheryl**, we love you.
The Family

Order of Service

Reception of the Body

AnthemB.C.P. Pg. 491

THE COLLECT

O, God whose mercies cannot be numbered: accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Cheryl and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

Old Testament Lesson Wisdom 3:1-5, 9 Avis McKenny

Psalms 23 Pg. 612

The Holy Gospel John 11:21-27

The Homily Fr. Pierre-Andre DuVert

Obituary Linda Smith

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The Peace

Offertory Sentence

The Great Thanksgiving B.C.P. Pg. 367

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread Pg. 364

The Agnus DEI Pg. 498

Post Communion Prayer

Commendation

Interment

Flushing Cemetery
Flushing, New York

When Loved Ones Go Before Us

When loved ones go before us
We may feel that we are alone
But there is still another life
That we have not been shown
For there is a bright and happy world
That we are meant to see
When we learn that death is birth
In Eternity.

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sang a lovely song or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent some lovely flowers, if so we saw them there,
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend could say,
Perhaps you were no thee at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever deed done, great or small,
Thank you for it all.

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