



*In Loving
Memory
of*

Charlene Linnen

Sunrise

January 12, 1969

Sunset

January 19, 2014

Service

Saturday, February 1, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

20 Mills Street • Newburgh, New York 12550

Rev. Dr. E. Maurice Pogue, Officiating

Obituary



Charlene Monet Linnen, was born to Nadine and Carl Ponder on January 12, 1969 in New York. She was educated within the public school systems of New York City attending PS 108 and East Harlem Performing Arts School where she embraced the arts, learning to sing, dance, act and even play the saxophone. Charlene graduated from Martin Luther King High School. After high school she married Charles Combs; he preceded her in death.

As a young woman Charlene soon found her calling in life, attending to others within the social services field. Charlene began her career at Red Cross, she spent eight years of service there. Charlene also offered sixteen years of service as a dedicated employee of Volunteers of America. She was a compassionate Substance Abuse Counselor at the Brandon House. Because of her love for others and her empathetic heart, Charlene continued her studies and proudly acquired her CASAC-T.

Charlene gave her hand to man and her heart to God in 2009 and became a member of the New Hope Baptist Church. In 2012, Charlene was elevated to a Deaconess.

Her personality was bigger than life. She was a people-person and loved to entertain family and friends. You could often catch Charlene singing and hosting parties or barbecues. Whatever the occasion, she was ready to celebrate. Charlene's smile brightened up the night and a laugh that her husband loved. Charlene loved everyone. Charlene transitioned home to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 19, 2014. Her loving ways will certainly be missed.

Charlene married her true and the love of her life Charles Linnen, Sr.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her loving husband; four sons, Charles Linnen, Jr., Danny Ponder (wife Judy), Terrell "Mookie" Ponder (Chevelle) and Stephon Combs; three daughters, Sharmayne Linnen, Channah Linnen, and Mahagony Linnen; four grandchildren, Kaori, Vincent, Makayla, and Madisynn; her grandmother, Ida McPhatter; her mother, Nadine Ponder; her brother, Carl Anthony Ponder (Janice McClain); her sister, Amber Ponder; two uncles, Jerome Parker and Elliot McPhatter (Sandra); one aunt, Nita Drummond; three sisters-in-law, Yasmin, Vernell and Jo-Ann Linnen; her circle of sisters, as well as many loving family members and life-long friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Invocation.....Rev. Dr. E. Maurice Pogue

Musical Selection.....New Hope Mass Choir
Scott Allen

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

Consolations from God’s Holy Word

Old Testament - Psalm 91.....Polina Mangum

New Testament - Romans 12:1-2.....Grant Duhart

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Helen Lindsey

Musical Selection.....New Hope Mass Choir

Acknowledgements of Condolences and Resolutions

Reflections (2 minutes please)

The Obituary

Musical Selection.....New Hope Mass Choir
William Coleman

“I Won’t Complain”

The Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. E. Maurice Pogue

Viewing

The Benediction

Recessional

Organ Postlude



Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York

A New Beginning

*Just because I love you is why I sit and
write these few words that mean so much.*

To think that being without you would cause me grief, yet relief.

God has allowed us a few wonderful years together.

I admit all has not been a bed of roses but yet cherishable.

Now, we have come to the ending of our road together.

This is where we part and the ending becomes the beginning.

Somewhere along the way, we lost one another.

In losing you I find myself. In finding myself, I find GOD.

*In finding GOD I find peace. Surely, GOD knows my love for you is
sincere and true. I will always LOVE and remember nothing but the good.*

Where there is no relationship there is no life.

So, nothing can grow in a barren land.

I have pledged myself to succeed in life and

I know success is always the result of conscientious and efficient effort.

I believe that GOD will lend me everything with which to succeed.

I will never close my eyes in sleep without praying for

Diving Guidance to the end, that I will be Patient and Persevere.

Acknowledgement

*We, the Linnen, Combs, Ponder Family sincerely
appreciate your Love, Prayers, Thoughtfulness and
Continuous Acts of Kindness shown to us during this time.*

*We will always be grateful to you and Praying
God's continued Blessings over you.*

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