

*Celebrating The Life
of*



Sheila Hurdle

Sunrise: August 19, 1947

Sunset: September 26, 2015

Service

Friday, October 2, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

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Rev. Dr. J.G. McCann, Sr., Officiating

Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary

Sheila Hurdle was born in New York City to the late James and Mabel Hurdle on August 19, 1947. Sheila attended New York City Public Schools, eventually attending the City University of New York, and obtaining a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree.

As a young adult, Sheila was active in a program called Haryou-Act, which provided resources and support to teens and young adults in Harlem. Sheila also taught 3rd grade at the neighborhood public school, P.S. 46. Teaching in and out of the classroom was Sheila's passion. She loved teaching dance as well, and even coordinated a talent show for neighborhood youth that was loved by all. After many years of teaching, Sheila transitioned to administrative positions with additional responsibilities, including math coordinator, assistant principal, and ultimately, principal of a school in her beloved Harlem.

After 30+ years of dedicated service, Sheila retired from the New York City Board of Education in 2002. Once retired, Sheila returned to the classroom as a student, attending Lehman College and taking Paralegal Courses, obtaining a Paralegal Certificate. She also became an IRS-certified tax preparer, and worked with an agency that provided low cost and free tax preparation for those who needed it. She has worked as an income tax instructor and office manager for several companies. Most recently, Sheila worked as a volunteer income tax preparer for AARP and the Food Bank of New York City.

Sheila Hurdle was a resident of Fordham Hill for over 30 years. During this time, she was actively involved in numerous community endeavors. Sheila was proud of her 10 year membership on the House Council where she had an opportunity to meet prospective Fordham Hill residents. She was an active member of the Committee on Elders and was a regular in the Bid Whist group. Sheila worked on several initiatives of the Fordham Hill Neighborhood Association. Through the Gardens at Fordham Hill, Sheila became a passionate gardener. During the spring and summer, she could always be seen tending to plants and flowers near the building where she lived. Sheila was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for Fordham Hill as well.

Sheila leaves behind: her daughter, Kym; sister, Brenda; grandchildren, Elijah and Shay; numerous cousins, and a host of other family members and friends. Sheila's great-granddaughter, Malia, is due to be born in November.

Sheila is gone from this place, but not gone from our hearts. We all love her, but God loves her best.

Order of Service

Processional

Opening Prayer

Selection Hymn“Let The Works I've Done”

Old Testament Reading..... Psalm 23

New Testament ReadingJohn 14:1-6

Prayer of ComfortEvelyn Ferguson

Selection Hymn.....“Amazing Grace”

Obituary..... Diane Henderson

Selection Hymn.....“Blessed Assurance”

Eulogy

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Final Disposition

Woodlawn Crematory
Bronx, 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

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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