

A portrait of Shirley Siders, a woman with dark curly hair, resting her chin on her hand. The background is a warm, golden glow with a large orange flower in the foreground.

*In Loving
Memory
of*

Shirley Siders

Sunrise: May 3, 1949

Sunset: October 6, 2015

Service

Saturday, October 17, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Sister Idella James, Officiating

Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Reflections

Shirley Siders, the beloved daughter of Killar and Lucy P. Lloyd was born on May 3, 1949 in Harlem Hospital. On October 6, 2015, the Lord called her home to a place where there is no more pain, suffering, or tears of sorrow, but only God's peace and love.

Shirley was raised in the Bronx where she lived with her parents and siblings in Castle Hill and Bronxdale housing. At the age of thirteen, her parents moved to Park Slope Brooklyn where she attended P.S. 51 and later graduated from John Jay High School.

In 1967, she married her childhood sweetheart Robert E. Siders, and later gave birth to her daughter, Yolanda C. Siders. For several years she worked at AIU Insurance Agency as a File Clerk and Underwriter. In 1982, she began her employment at the Department of Human Resources Administration as an Eligibility Specialist for 29 years.

Over the years she served her community in many different capacities; a coordinator for the Touch Class dancers, on the board of directors of Soundview Health Center, and also served as a foster parent for Cardinal McCloskey Services. She was a dedicated member of a Bible studies group and the Red Hat Society. In 2011, she retired from HRA and spent most of her time traveling with the family.

Shirley leaves behind: her loving and beloved sister, Brenda Lloyd Bryce; daughters, Yolanda Siders-Lewis, Renita Horton, Lakeisha Siders and Danielle Siders; son, Daniel Siders; granddaughter, Dashelle Siders; son-in-law, Alfred Lewis; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, Stevenson Common sisters, and childhood friend, Ethel Bryant.

Order of Service

Musical Selection

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament: Psalm 23 - Sister Sara Thomas

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - Sister Brenda Sterling

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Reading of Obituary and Poem

Sister Kayla Hardy

Musical Selection

(Solo)

Minister

Elder Anita Robinson

Viewing

Benediction

Interment

*Pinelawn Memorial Park
Farmingdale, 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

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May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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