

*A Celebration of the  
Life of the Late*

*Sheila  
Spivey*

**Sunrise:**  
September 18, 1957

**Sunset:**  
January 16, 2016

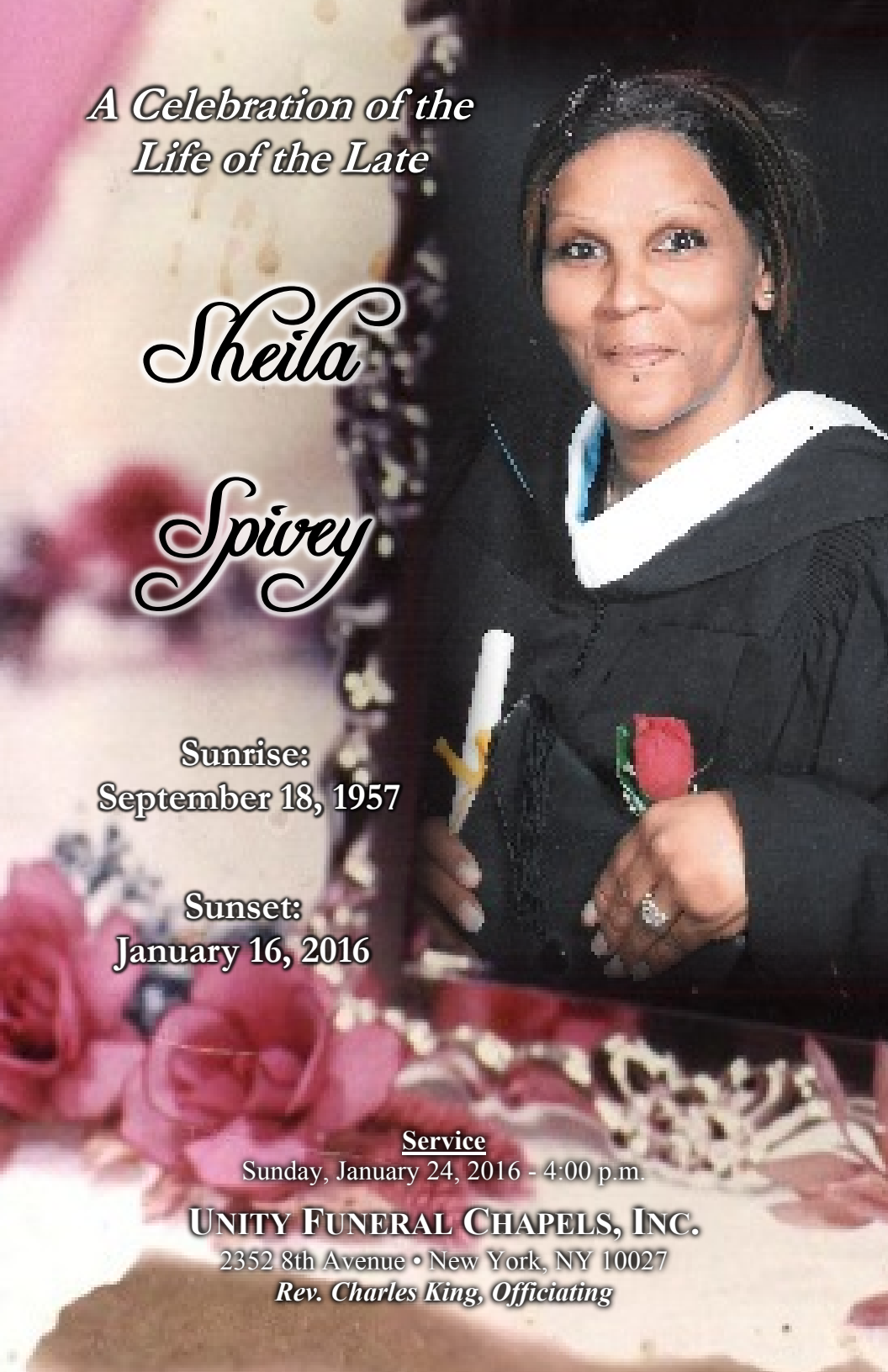
**Service**

Sunday, January 24, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.

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2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Charles King, Officiating*



# *Obituary*

**Sheila Spivey**, 58 of 138 W. 137th Street, New York, New York passed away peacefully and unexpectedly on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at her home.

Ms. Spivey was born on September 18, 1957 in Hartford, Connecticut, the daughter of Mrs. Patricia Evans of Hartford, Connecticut and Mr. Jerome Evans of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Ms. Spivey received her early education in the Hartford, Connecticut school system. After school, Sheila began working in Hartford, Connecticut. After a few years, Sheila decided to relocate to New York and before finding her true calling (Housing Works) Sheila worked several other jobs.

Ms. Spivey began working at Housing Works sixteen years ago when she was hired as an Outreach Worker in our then MANO program, where she spear-headed the task of connecting newly diagnosed and people out of care to services. Within a few weeks in the program, it was evident that she had a unique ability to connect with people and a genuine desire to see everyone we served succeed. She worked relentlessly recruiting, retaining and providing services for the people she engaged.

After the MANO program terminated, Sheila led the outreach team in our then new demonstration project, testing and connecting transgender people to care. This project was highly successful and publicly acclaimed. Sheila was later transferred to the HIRE program where she connected people formerly incarcerated to care. While at Housing Works, Ms. Spivey, encouraged by her former supervisor, pursued further education and received a Bachelor's of Arts from the College of New Rochelle in 2010. Of this accomplishment, she was quite proud and ensured that a picture of her graduation was framed and prominently placed in her former supervisor's office. Most recently, Sheila worked in Community Partnerships, and was stationed at Cylar House. Sheila was one of the first three members of Community Partnerships when we started the program in October 2013.

Sheila was truly fearless. She had a deep passion for connecting clients to care and was a strong advocate for all. Underneath her bravado and brash talk was a very big heart. She pushed herself very hard to do more and be better. She was someone who truly lived Housing Works' values. We will miss her very much.

In addition to her parents, she leaves to mourn her passing, her partner of twenty-three years, Eric Acosta, they may have separated a few times, but they always found their way back to each other; her only sister, Gail Grant of Hartford, Connecticut, and seven brothers, Elwood Evans of Albany, Georgia, Earl Evans of Windsor, Connecticut, James Evans, Sr., and Daryl Evans both of Hartford, Connecticut, Kevin Evans of Albany, Georgia, Marcus Evans of Hartford, Connecticut, John Evans of Boynton Beach, Florida; and a host of nieces and nephews along with great nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles and a host of cousins, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law and numerous friends.

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Invocation

Solo.....Latasha Jordan

Scripture Reading:Psalm 91 .....Douglas Sanders

Prayer of Comfort .....Minister Betty Al-Sagaf

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:35-39..... Minister Derrick Thompson

Acknowledgements  
& Condolences.....Theresa Goldsborough, Housing Works

Tribute .....Ebony Evans, Niece

Obituary .....Read in Silence

Solo..... Minister Derrick Thompson

Scripture: John 14:1-3..... The Rev. Charles King, Housing Works

Eulogy .....The Rev. Charles King, Housing Works

Hymn & Recessional..... “I’ll Fly Away”

*Final Disposition*

*Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, New York*



Just close your eyes to see my face and you'll always have me near. I'll always see your smile and share in your happy days. I'll be there when you need me and help in my own special way. Remember when you're laughing, I am laughing too. And when you're feeling sad and alone, just know that I am standing there beside you. For in your heart I will always live, no matter how many years go by. I'm here for you no matter what...my kind of love just doesn't die. Don't think of me as if I've gone away, for my journey has just begun. Life holds so many facets, this earth is only one. Just think of me as resting, from the sorrow and the tears. I have gone to a place of comfort and warmth, where there are no days or years. Wishing that we could all cherish today and nothing but our sadness would ever pass away.

Until We Meet Again

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Sheila Spivey** would like to say Thank You, Thank You and Thank You for the kindness shown during our time of bereavement. All that you have done will remain in our hearts, never to be forgotten.

May God Forever Bless YOU!!!The Family

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