



Norma Parrish

Sunrise: January 6, 1932 Sunset: January 22, 2016

Service

Thursday, January 28, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027 Rev. Dr. Sidney Hargrave, Officiating Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary

Norma Parrish, the daughter of Queenie and Paul Heyward was born on January 6, 1932. She was called home on January 22, 2016 to be with her Lord and Savior.

Norma also known as "Sissy", grew up in Harlem with her two brothers, Melvin and Paul and sister, Babbie. On September 30, 1947, she gave birth to a baby boy named, Chester Parrish (who was also called to be with his Lord and Savior on December 29th.) Then on February 27, 1963, she gave birth to another baby boy named, James Melvin Sligh.

Norma was known for having a straight forward, no beating around the bush attitude and a sharp tongue to match it. If you never witnessed, experienced, or received the tongue slashing then that meant she didn't love you. Sorry to say it, but it's true, she didn't love ya. And Lord if she felt you came at her wrong or said something that she didn't like, Lord I felt sorry for you. Besides that she was a loving and caring person. Although, you might not think she was after the world wind of yelling threats and curse words.

Norma's memories will continue to live through her loving and devoted son, James Melvin Sligh; her adopted daughter, Renee Reid-Staton; her grandchildren, Michelle Green, Chester Anthony Parrish, Ohgee Gywn, Erika Sligh, Nicole Sligh and Ashaki Jackson; her daughter-in-law, Mary Parrish; her eight great grandchildren; her two great great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She will be truly missed, as well as that razor sharp tongue of hers. May our Sissy rest in peace.

(I truly apologize if I left out anyone, it's too many of us to remember.)

Order of Service

Processional	Sister Barbara Suarez
Selection	Evangelist Rhonda Alderman
	Brother Maurice Greene Sister JD Williams
Prayer	Sister Michelle Greene
Selection	Evangelist Rhonda Alderman
Acknowledgements	Sister Barbara Suarez
Remarks	2 minute limit
Obituary Reading	Sister Barbara Suarez
Selection	Evangelist Rhonda Alderman
Eulogy	Brother Trent Cranston
Committal	
Viewing	

Entombment

Recessional

Fair Lawn Mausoleum Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Im 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

<u>Acknowled gement</u>

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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