

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of Cheryl Bell, a woman with dark hair, wearing a light-colored top, smiling gently. The background is a soft-focus floral pattern in shades of pink, purple, and yellow.

Cheryl Bell

Sunrise: February 12, 1949

Sunset: December 12, 2016

Service

Saturday, December 17, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Father David Powers, Officiating

St. Helena RC Church

Obituary



Cheryl Marie Dickens was born on February 12, 1949 in New York, New York to Leroy and Dora.

Cheryl attended Washington Irving High School, where she excelled academically. She graduated and received her Associates Degree in Nursing. Early in her life, she was employed by Columbia Presbyterian and The New York City Health Department, where she worked as a nurse for many years. It has always been Cheryl's calling to care for others in need.

In 1973, Cheryl met her soulmate, James Dickens which they remained devoted and in love for over 43 years. Cheryl loved spending time with her family, watching movies, dancing and listening to music. (Let's not forget her favorite rap artist was Nas). Cheryl had a smile that lit up a room and a heart that was filled with kindness, forgiveness, generosity and love. Cheryl was a devoted member of Saint Catherine of Genoa in Manhattan, where she attended service faithfully.

Cheryl Marie Dickens is survived by: her husband, James Dickens; mother, Dora Williams; two children, Shontae and Clifton; five grandchildren, Lashay, Eric, Clivvon, Catherine and Chiyann; a great granddaughter, Najah; two surviving sisters, Shernise and Tracy; a son-in-law, Eric; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; as well as a host of dear friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

"Amazing Grace"

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23 and Isaiah 41:10

New Testament - John 14:1-3 and John 14:27

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

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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