

*A Celebration Of Life*



*Althea Jefferson*

*"Shuby"*

*Sunrise: November 27, 1952*

*Sunset: February 20, 2017*

Service

*Wednesday, March 1, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.*

**ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH**

515 W. 125th Street • New York, NY 10027

*Reverend Shon T. Adkins, Senior Pastor*

# *Obituary*

**Althea "Shuby" Dolores Jefferson** departed this earth on Monday, February 20, 2017. She was the daughter of Albert and Dolores Jefferson. She was born on November 27, 1952 in Naval Bethesda Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland. At the age of two, she moved to Harlem, New York, where she lived for over sixty years.

Shuby's formal education began at Mabel Dean Bacon Vocational High School. She then attended Bronx Community College where she obtained her Associate Degree in Liberal Arts. Following college, Shuby participated in a federal training program that led to permanent employment with the U.S. Customs Services at 6 World Trade Center in lower Manhattan. In 2003, she transitioned to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in New Jersey as a Customs Supply Clerk.

On February 26, 1977, Shuby gave birth to her only child, Jevada Wright. The bond between Jevada and Shuby was a special one. It remained unchanged by time or distance. It was the purest love—unconditional and true. It was understanding of any situation and forgiving of any mistake. Although she will no longer be here in the physical sense, her spirit will continue to guide and watch over him until they meet again.

Family was important to Shuby. She had a special and individualized relationship with each of her siblings, nephews, nieces and cousins. She cherished the time that she spent with them, laughing, joking, reminiscing about the past and creating fond memories in the present. During events and holidays, the family was blessed with Shuby's "slammin" Mac-N-Cheese, a highly-requested dish.

Shuby was a private person, whose life mirrored the phrase "to know me is to love me". However, if you were invited into her circle, she gave you unconditional love, loyalty and friendship. Some will say Shuby was a "free speaker" while others would say she had a mouth like a sailor. She was never afraid to let you know what she was thinking. On warm evenings, you could find her sitting on the bench laughing and shooting the breeze with friends and neighbors before retiring for the night. She will be remembered for her infectious smile and her love of laughter. She had a zest for life, and lived hers to the fullest.

Shuby was a wonderful and loving mother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, friend and so much more to so many others. She had a heart of gold filled with warmth and generosity. Her personality can be summarized by the letters of her nickname:

*S*ulful  
*A*morous  
*H*ique  
*B*eautiful  
*Y*outhful

Preceding her in death were her father, Albert Jefferson and step-father, James C. Cooke. Continuing her legacy is her son, Jevada M. Wright (Diane); her mother, Dolores Cooke; her brothers, Albert "Stooksie" Jefferson and Aaron C. Cooke; her sister, Alicia "Missie" Williams (Nathaniel); her nephews, Albert "AJ" Jefferson (Simone), Jamel Williams, Courtney Jefferson, and Rashaad Jefferson; her nieces, Nicole Williams and Miracle Cooke; her grand-niece, Shanel V. Williams; her grand-nephew, Jamel R. Williams; and a host of relatives, dear friends and colleagues.

Althea "Shuby" Dolores Jefferson will continue to be with us in spirit, for she will always be in our hearts.

# Order of Service

*Presiding*

*Minister LaKisha N. Williams and Dr. Theresa Lloyd*

Processional.....The Family

Hymn....."Order My Steps"

Prayer of Comfort.....Dr. Theresa Lloyd

Scripture Readings

1 Thessalonians 4:14-17.....Curtis Gilbert

John 14:1-4.....Nicole Williams

Musical Selection....."The Battle Is Not Yours"

Obituary.....Khadijah Muhammad

Remembering Shuby (2 minutes).....Family/Friends

Musical Selection....."Take Me To The King"

Eulogy.....Minister LaKisha Williams

Benediction

Recessional

*"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 21:4 NIV*

*Final Disposition*

*Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, New York*



*Shuby has gone from us.  
Her smile and voice we love is still  
A place is vacant in our hearts  
That can never be filled  
Enfold her in your arms, O Lord  
And ever let her be  
A message of love between  
Our human hearts and Thee*



*Message from Jevada to his Mom*

“Having a mother like you has been a constant reminder of the wonderful way that God keeps his promises.  
Sleep in heavenly peace my queen.”

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Althea Jefferson** acknowledges with deep appreciation the condolences and support of all those who have been touched by her life. With sincere gratitude, thank you for all of the acts of kindness, well wishes and prayers that have been extended to them during their time of bereavement.

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