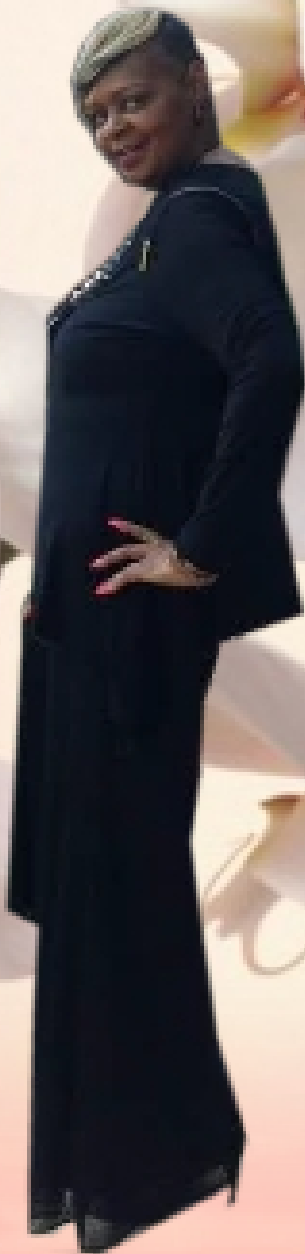


Life Celebration for

Shirley Peterkin-Roberts

*Sunrise
June 3, 1957*

*Sunset
March 9, 2017*



Reflections of Life

Shirley (Peterkin) Roberts born June 3, 1957 in Paterson, NJ to Mary Horsey Peterkin and the late Willie C. Peterkin.

Shirley Roberts was raised in Paterson, NJ. She attended John F. Kennedy High School. After graduating, Shirley took her talents to Rutgers University to pursue her Bachelor Degree. It was on that very campus where she would join Sister's With Interest Never Gone (Also known as Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship Inc.) A creative and loving spirit, Shirley lived her life with no regrets, she was confident, courageous and strong. Loved by many, on any given day you could mention the name Shirley Peterkin- Roberts and someone was sure to say "Yeah I know Shirley, that's my girl!" She took a leap of faith in 2001 and moved to Atlanta, Georgia with her soul mate, George Carter. Shirley built a legacy in Atlanta, where she worked and excelled at Paul D West Middle School. In 2015, she was honored as Professional of the Year. She befriended many since moving to Atlanta, all who are grieving deeply for their beloved friend. A Loving sister, mother and grandmother, Shirley taught both Dana and Keora to reach for the stars, because in her words "You the bomb girl". She graced every arena with her style and charisma. She was known to be the hostess with the mostess and opened her home freely to all. Shirley's spirit was infectious and to know her was to love her. Shirley will be missed dearly.

She was predeceased by three brothers, James Peterkin, Carl Peterkin and Alan Peterkin and four sisters, Ann Horsey, Clara Peterkin, Diane Peterkin and Marlene Peterkin.

Shirley is survived by: her mother, Mary Horsey-Peterkin; her soul mate, George Carter; former spouse and friend: David Roberts, one daughter, Dana Roberts-Appiah; one granddaughter, Keora Appiah and a son-in-law, Thomas Appiah; her sisters, Fay Peterkin, Jane (Joseph) Peterkin-Beasley, Rene Peterkin, Sandra (Stanley) Peterkin-Williams, Debra Dunham, Juanita Cline, Audrey Peterkin, Katrina (Charles) Slocumb and Tawanda (Tony) Sangster. Three brothers, William Horsey; Todd Chaplin and Willie Peterkin. Her goddaughter/niece, Dennita Peterkin; and a host of nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews, other family members and friends.

Saturday, March 25, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

Seminary Baptist Church

191 Haledon Avenue

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Alfred Steele, Pastor

Reverend Milena Eason, Eulogist

Order of Service

The Musical Prelude “Wind Beneath My Wings” Instrumental

The Processional Clergy, Family, Social Fellowship Family

The Opening Musical Selection . . “Because You loved Me” (Layla Roberts)

The Reading of the Holy Scripture
(Old & New Testament)..... Rev. Fellowman Barry Givner

The Prayer of Comfort.....Overseer William O. Henry

Solo..... “GOD IS” Felicia Farrar

The Reflections of Life & Acknowledgements.....Cynthia Johnson

The EulogyPastor Milena Eason
Grace of God Church, Paterson, NJ

The Recessional Musical Selection..... “AMEN” (Layla Roberts)

Final Disposition

Cedar Lawn Cemetery

Rt. 20 & McLean Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

Repast

Immediately following the service

Integrity Masonic Temple

224 Broadway, Paterson NJ

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 place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss;
Ah 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 ones touch.

Perhaps my time seems all to 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.

Acknowledgement

The family would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy and concern demonstrated in our time of bereavement. Thank you for joining with us in celebrating the life legacy of love & laughter that embodies the very essence of our beloved **Shirley Peterkin-Roberts**. The sisters of Swing Phi Swing S.F.I. & Mr. Carnie P. Bragg and the staff of Bragg Funeral Services.

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