

*In Loving
Memory
of*

Loonne

Morrison

Sunrise: July 22, 1940

Sunset: April 1, 2017

Obituary

Yvonne Sheppard-Morrison was born to her parents, Curtis and Thelma Sheppard on July 22, 1940. She was the second eldest of five children.

At a young age, Yvonne and her siblings lost their mother Thelma. They were loved, nurtured and raised by their grandparents, Henry and Bertha Gayle Brown, and her only aunt, Ruth Glover. Ruth advocated for and supported Yvonne and her siblings, steering her in the direction of her career.

Yvonne graduated from Cathedral High School; a prestigious Catholic High School in Manhattan. She later attended college. Yvonne married Carl Morrison, and they have one son, Kenneth.

Yvonne was always admired for her beauty, charm, and intelligence. She was fashionable and ahead of her time in many trends. From a young girl, Yvonne worked hard and built her career. As a people person, she enjoyed having intelligent conversations. She had a probing mind that made her ask questions that made people think. She was a leader among her peers and a role model for women of color in her profession. Yvonne also had a sense of humor. She loved to laugh at riddles and good jokes. But she was very serious about her job and career, and met many important people as a result.

Yvonne had many accomplishments, one of which was working for the NYC Court system for over 30 years. Yvonne was a Data Entry Supervisor on Queens Criminal Court. She was promoted to Senior Court Clerk and transferred to NY County Supreme Court - Civil Term. Yvonne excelled in all aspects of her career and received many citations and awards while working on some of the top cases in New York City. Yvonne retired in September of 2002, and traveled to many places such as Israel, the Holy Land, Paris and Alaska. In her latter years at age 60, she learned to boogie board (body surf)!

Yvonne had strong faith, and loved the Catholic Church. Her love of family was strong, and the one she cherished the most was her son, Kenny. By God's grace he has grown up in the faith, and works with, and ministers to the mentally challenged.

Although Yvonne lived a full life, those who were touched by her presence, understand that the quality of life one lives far outweighs the quantity of time in which one lives. Yvonne's husband, Carl Morrison, her parents, Thelma and Curtis Sheppard, her oldest brother, Tommy, her grandparents, her youngest sister, Sidney Sheppard and her only aunt, Ruthy, all preceded her in death.

Yvonne leaves to mourn: her beloved son, Kenneth Morrison; sisters, Evelyn Green of Los Angeles, CA and Roslyn Jones of Queens, NY; one goddaughter, Vanessa (Nana Baakan) Glover; nieces, Claudine Jones, Zindora Jones and Lorna Green; nephews, Joseph Green, Adeyemi Sheppard and Kwabena Sheppard; grandnephews, Justin Washington and Melquan Calvin; grandnieces, Adriana Washington and Umalali Sofia; great grandnephews, Mason and Cole; and a host of first cousins and other extended family and friends.

We love you Mommy, Sister, Aunty, and Cousin....Yvonne.
God loved you best.

With love and in faith,
The family

Service

Friday, April 7, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

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Interment

Mt. Holiness Memorial Park • Butler, New Jersey

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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

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