



*In Loving  
Memory  
of*

*Crystal Alexander*

*Sunrise: October 19, 1952*

*Sunset: August 24, 2017*

Service

*Thursday, August 31, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. David Jenkins, Officiating  
LaTasha Jordan, Soloist*

## Obituary

On August 24th, 2017 God called one of His children home. The trumpet sounded and an angel came to get Miss Crystal Ann Alexander at her home in Harlem. She was a woman of joy, laughter, and compassion and shared it with everyone who came into her presence.

Her journey began on October 19th, 1952 in the Bronx, New York at Fordham Hospital as the daughter of the late Clarence and Francina Alexander. Crystal was born weighing 11lb 12.5oz. Crystal was baptized at Union Baptist Church on May 17, 1954 in Harlem on 145th Street.

On June 24th, 1970, Crystal gave birth to her son, Anthony Keith Woods. As her health started to decline he was her primary caregiver. Although she was sick, she never lost her sense of humor. She would tell her son how to take care of her and he would respond, "let me take care of you, you used to take care of me."

Crystal leaves behind a legacy of compassion and care. She cared for people in her family as well as outside. This gave her the nickname, "Aunt Crystal" to many. She was also known for being the first on the dance floor, and for always being in the kitchen. We will all miss her fried chicken.

She began a career at Apex Beauty School in Harlem. In 1990, Crystal started working at Kirby Forensic Psychiatric Center on Wards Island as a food service worker until her retirement in 2016.

Crystal leaves to cherish her memories: kids, Anthony, Kaseem, LaAsia and Monique; sisters, Joan and Cheryl-Phyllis; brother, Ali (Dolores); grandchildren, Anthony, Eyanni, Irijah, Ja'liyah, Ileya and McKenzie; great grandchildren, Harmony, Anthony Mason, Treasure and Tah'Jae; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; extended family, the Williams, the Holdens, the Chappelle's, and the Woods; goddaughters, Nadira, Tehira, and Jazzy; and of course, Hercules.

# *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgements*

*Remarks*

*Obituary*

*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Committal*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

*Final Disposition*

*Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, New York*

*A Sister  
Is a Lifetime of Love  
A sister is a part of your past...*

Someone who shares the same memories,  
The same values and traditions—  
A sister understands where you've been.

*A sister is a part of your present...*

Someone who makes life's successes  
Seem all the more important,  
Life's disappointments more bearable—  
A sister knows and appreciates who you are.

*A sister is a part of your future...*

Someone who is always on your side,  
No matter what changes  
And challenges lie ahead—  
A sister celebrates  
All that you can and will become.

### *Acknowledgement*

The family would like to thank Rose, Patricia, Yvonne, Sonie, Debra, Renee and June. 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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