

In Loving Memory of



Cynthia D. Shepherd

Sunrise
October 7, 1957

Sunset
March 19, 2022

Service:
Saturday, April 2, 2022 - 3:00 pm

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Elder James Brown Jr., Officiating

Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary

Cynthia Denise Shepherd graced the world with life on October 7, 1957. She was the second of four children born in Macon County, Alabama to Albert Shepherd and Lillie Hall Shepherd.

As a young child her mother moved to the South Bronx where Cynthia attended school. Later, the family moved to Boston Secor where she resumed school and worked as a hospice care worker before taking care of small children in the neighborhood.

During Cynthia's tenure at Secor Projects she gained a host of friends she would consider family. Even those to which she had quarrels, they also became friends. At a young age Cynthia loved cornrowing hair and even entered her niece into cornrow contests. She continued this gift with neighboring kids and eventually her own son, grandkids and nieces. Cynthia loved life and would attend yearly Secor reunions all while snapping her fingers and dancing to all genres of music. Her heart was fun, big, forgiving, loving and strong.

Cynthia's heart belonged to her one and only son, Darell Shepherd, and to her he gave the loves of her life, four grandchildren. She boasted about the fun times they spent together dancing, playing cards, board games and drawing and longed for more. Cynthia loved Florida and in the past 18 years visited at least once a year sometimes staying months at a time. She loved when it rained and would rush outside sometimes barefoot to experience the serenity it gave her. Cynthia was sociable and very popular. Facebook became a pathway for her to celebrate the accomplishments of family and friends especially during the height of the pandemic. She recently had a troubled heart due to the loss of dear friends but in her brokenness still knew GOD was in charge.

Our hearts were broken on March 19, 2022 as suddenly and without serious health concerns, Cynthia suffered two major heart attacks. On March 22, 2022 Cynthia departed this world leaving us empty of her smile and touch but filled our hearts with genuine golden memories of love and laughter.

Preceding her passing are brothers Randall and Wendell Shepherd and nephew London Shepherd Jr. She leaves to mourn her son Darell Shepherd, mother Lillie Shepherd, siblings: London Shepherd, Theresa Hall and Tangie Jeffrey (Colin), grandchildren: Darell, Kyrell, Kayla, Sommer Shepherd and Kaylee, nieces: Mashea Rodriguez Demonde (Keith) Zeltanya Walton, Corinne Shepherd, Dalilah Shepherd, Tangie Davis Shepherd (Sherell) Tanielle Franklin (Brandon) and Mercy Ramos, one aunt Thelma Williams, one Uncle George Hall and an insurmountable number of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and loved ones. She will live on in our hearts forever.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude
Rev. David Jenkins

Processional

Selection
Rev. David Jenkins

Scripture Readings
Old Testament - Psalm 27:1-6 - Tangie Hall-Jeffrey
New Testament

Prayer Of Comfort

Selection
“Amazing Grace” - Trisha Jeffrey

Tributes
(2 Minutes Please)

Obituary & Acknowledgements
Mashea Rodriguez-Demonde

Selection
It’s So Hard To Say Goodbye” - Gary Lorino

Eulogy
Elder James Brown. Jr.

Committal & Benediction

Remarks By Funeral Director

Final Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

Ferncliff Crematory
Hartsdale, New York

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.
-Author unknown*

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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