

Celebrating a Life Well-Lived



Cynthia Amarlyss Wharton

SUNRISE: June 17, 1934

SUNSET: March 7, 2025

Sunday, March 23, 2025 - 3pm

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Obituary

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Cynthia Wharton, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. Cynthia departed this world peacefully on March 7, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Early Life and Education

Born on June 17, 1934, to Robert D. Wharton and Cleopatra A. Wharton. Her father immigrated from Barbados WI and her mother from Trinidad WI. Cynthia was born in Harlem Hospital and grew up in the Bronx, New York, where she developed her passion for learning and adventure. She excelled academically, graduating with honors from Central Commercial High School and later earning her degree in Business Administration from Mercy College. Her commitment to education was evident throughout her life as she continued to pursue knowledge and encouraged others to do the same.

Family and Career

Cynthia met the loves of her life, Herbert Thompson, Lawrence Needle, Sr., George Dunlap and Lee Howell, she married these four at various moments in her life. With Herbert Thompson they produced a daughter, Yvonne L. Thompson, with Lawrence Needle they produced Dionne Kim Needle and Damien R. Needle raising their children with love, wisdom, and support. Cynthia was not only a devoted mother but a grandmother to Kyle, Rochelle, Channell, Michael, Monica, Antionette, Richard, Anthony, Phillip, Terell and Darnell and great grandmother with a host of great grandchildren. Cynthia was also an accomplished professional. In the last moments of her life she was working as Outreach/Direct Services Worker at Palm Beach County BCC. Her colleagues admired her dedication, creativity, and leadership, and she left an indelible mark on everyone she worked with.

Passions and Interests

Cynthia's interests were as diverse as they were numerous. She had a remarkable talent for playing the piano and keyboard, which brought her immense joy and relaxation. Her love for the arts was evident in her appreciation for antiques and Jazz, and she often attended exhibitions and performances, sharing her enthusiasm with family and friends. Cynthia was an avid traveler, exploring new cultures and making cherished memories along the way. Her adventurous spirit and curiosity were inspiring to all who knew her.

Community Involvement

A pillar of her community, Cynthia dedicated herself to various causes and organizations, offering her time and expertise to help those in need. Cynthia's generosity and compassion touched countless lives, and her legacy of service will be remembered for generations.

Legacy

Cynthia's life was a testament to the power of love, kindness, and resilience. She faced challenges with grace and optimism, always finding ways to uplift those around her. Her unwavering support and encouragement were a source of strength for her family and friends. Cynthia's legacy lives on through the values she instilled, the memories she created, and the lives she impacted.

Memorial Service

A celebration of Cynthia's life will be held on March 23, 2025 at Unity Funeral Chapel 2352 Eight Avenue, New York, NY 10027 from 2-4 pm. Family and friends are invited to gather, share stories, and honor her remarkable journey.

Cynthia Wharton will be deeply missed, but her spirit will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know her. We find comfort in knowing that she is at peace and that her legacy of love and kindness endures.

Rest in peace, dear Cynthia. You will always be remembered with love and admiration.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

FINAL DISPOSITION:

Rosehill Crematory
Linden, New Jersey

Asleep

I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,
So there's no reason for you to weep;
This is a debt we all must pay,
You will see me again someday.
I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow,
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow.
But life for you must go on,
You must not worry because I'm gone.
You stood beside me all the way,
When I was down, you knew what to say ...
You always told me, "get some rest,"
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.
So please let me rest in peace,
The tears you're shedding soon will cease.
You'll soon realize this was meant to be, I
thank God because He came for me.

-Emily Dickinson

Acknowledgement

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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