

*In Loving
Memory of*



Mini Imah K. Shabazz

Sunrise
August 31, 1948

Sunset
September 28, 2011

Service

Sunday, October 2, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue

New York, New York 10027

Imam Yusef Hassan, Officiating

Obituary

Mini Imah Karriem Shabazz (Barbara Ann Charlow) was born in Harlem on August 31, 1948 to George Charlow and Minnie Alletta Griffin Charlow, the oldest of two children. She attended Roosevelt High School in the Bronx, excelling in a variety of subjects. Mini Imah also attended a number of institutions to work toward her Associates and Bachelor's degrees, successfully graduating from Interboro College with a major in Human Services. This accomplishment would lay the foundation for one of her greatest achievements: earning her Master's degree from the Fordham Graduate School of Social Work as a Dean's List Scholar at the age of 56. These successes were a testament to Mini Imah's strong values around educational attainment and hard work.

Sister Mini Imah encountered a number of trials and tribulations throughout her life's journey. Those who knew her from her early years, would tell you she was a compassionate and witty person, with an uncommon sense of humor. Driven by her deep concerns about her community and the social injustices of the era, Mini Imah converted to Islam in 1973, at a time where it was unpopular to have such beliefs. However, her passion for the disadvantaged and her social activism went beyond her personal beliefs, she carried these values throughout her professional career as well. Mini Imah has been apart of Operation Helping Hand/Phase Piggy Back for over 40 years. Over this time, you could see her invaluable impact on others by simply walking within the communities she touched, and hearing numerous, moving stories from passerbys, friends and neighbors.

Sister Mini Imah played a vital role in Harlem, working for a number of community service organizations. She previously served as the Clinical Director at Operation Helping Hands Phase Piggy Back component. She remained a dedicated public servant and role model, utilizing her position within the community to guide and empower countless people through the disease of addiction. Her own personal struggles inspired many others to strive to achieve their life purpose and rise to greater heights. In her last role, she worked as a Clinical Social Worker for the City of New York Department of Health and Human Services, Domestic Violence Unit, helping battered women achieve security and independence.

Sister Mini Imah was a family-oriented woman. She leaves behind: two daughters, Alicea and LaCrease; one son, Jahid; one brother, George and son-in-law, Errol. She is survived by four grandsons, Troy Jr., Dominic, Malik and Taj; as well as four granddaughters, Shakirah, Antoinette, Khristina and Ryann. Her legacy will live on in her lasting influence of the lives she touched and in the hearts and minds of those who loved and knew her best.

Janazah Service

Opening Prayer

Obituary

Comment from Family & Friends

Explanation of Janazah

Imam's Comments

Janazah Prayer



Interment

Silvermount Cemetery
Staten Island, New York

"I cried when you passed
away. I still cry today .
Although I loved you dearly, I
couldn't make you stay. A
golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands at rest.
God broke my heart to prove
to me he only takes the best."

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation
and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.

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