

In Loving Memory of
Shirley Ann Smith

Sunrise
March 14, 1941

Sunset
June 3, 2012



Service

Friday, June 8, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Pastor Mary Freeman, Officiating

Obituary

Shirley Ann O’Kane was born March 14, 1941, the first born of four children to the late Annie Menefee and John O’Kane. Shirley and her three younger siblings were also blessed with ten additional brothers and sisters from a previous marriage on her father’s side. On July 5, 1959, Shirley married William Smith and took on the name Shirley Ann Smith.

Shirley was a hard worker and very passionate about her family. As a teenager she worked various jobs and postponed completing high school so she could work and help take care of her younger siblings. Because she was passionate about education, she later returned to school, studied and received her high school equivalency diploma in August of 1984. She continued her education, receiving her Bachelor’s Degree in Liberal Arts from the College of New Rochelle on August 31, 1987.

Shirley worked in various industries including nursing and education. She spent much of career as a Special Needs Educator working for the Board of Education for over twenty-two years. She also worked part time as an Assistant Teacher for the United Bronx Parents, Incorporated for over twelve years. Although she was a formal educator, she was known for her creativity and love for arts & crafts, crocheting, knitting, sewing, and researching family genealogy.

Shirley leaves to cherish her memory five children; William, Guielmo, Shirley, Darrell and April; fourteen grandchildren; William, Yaktie, Duane, Shontay, Shaniqua, Rashieka, Lashieka, David, Shakeema, Doneisha, Guielmo, Christopher, Dwight, and Tierra; seventeen great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, loved ones and friends.

Sleep on Shirley, take your rest. We all loved you but God loved you best. You will be missed but never forgotten.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection “Don’t Cry For Me”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Prayer Pastor Mary Freeman

Dedication Video Montage

Obituary Garry Evans (Great Nephew)

Selection “His Eyes Are On The Sparrow”
Pastor Mary Freeman

Eulogy Pastor Mary Freeman

Selection “Precious Lord”

Committal Pastor Mary Freeman

Recessional

Interment

Mt. Hope Cemetery

Hastings-on-Hudson, New York

Stronger

Can I make you proud?
How will I ever be able to do that
now? How will I ever be able to make
you smile? People say it's possible,
but how do I know that's true?
How do I know when I will never
hear from you? I try to believe
that you're still here with me,
It's just really hard when it's
not physically. I want to hear
you yell at me, I want to
hear you scream, I want to
hear you tell me to be all that I
can be. Because of you I was bought into this world and able to take
care of people and share my love.

I know you're expecting me to be strong
I just don't know if I can I'm really trying my hardest not to hurt
I keep thinking you're still holding my hand.

"KeemWeem you're going to be ok"

That's something you would say.

So I'm going to be stronger, I'm going to make you proud.

Even though you went away...

By: Shakeema Winters, granddaughter

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to thank everyone for their condolences
and best wishes during our time of bereavement.

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