

*In Loving  
Memory  
of*



*Sharon Marguerite Lyons*

*Sunrise*  
February 25, 1949

*Sunset*  
November 26, 2012

Service

Thursday, December 6, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO ROMAN CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**

211 141st Street • New York, New York

## Obituary

**Sharon Marguerite Lyons** was born to Edith Dames and Donald Ruffin on February 25, 1949. She attended NYC schools and graduated from Walton High School. Sharon was a strong minded individual from childhood. Her maternal instincts kicked in early as she was the eldest of her six siblings.

As a young girl, Sharon courageously contributed to the care taking and protection of her siblings. In 1963 Sharon worked the switchboard at Har-You-Act which then lead to her career with New York Telephone.

On June 15, 1968, Sharon gave birth to her oldest son Sean. In 1971 Sharon fell in love and married James Lyons. By 1973, Sharon became a young widow, yet she persevered, working hard at New York Telephone for many years.

On May 21, 1975, Sharon gave birth to her second son Chris. Sean and Chris were the apple of her eye and there was nothing she would not do for them. She ensured they were educated black men and shared the gift of faith and prayer with them. Sharon worked hard at New York Telephone, which later became Verizon, where she ultimately retired. Sharon was known for her creative abilities which included needle point, crochet, and knitting. If you were fortunate enough to have a receiving blanket, hat, scarf, newborn outfit, christening outfit, blanket or sweater, made by her hands, you know the quality and beauty of her work. Sharon was indeed a trend setter. This was clearly identified by her style of dress.

She was a phenomenal seamstress who modeled her own style of clothes daily and up until her mid forties, would not be seen in jeans, sneakers, or any retail store clothes. Her stylish heels, boots and accessories were a force to be reckoned with. With a love for literature, knowledge and personal growth, Sharon returned to school earning a Bachelor's degree from Fordham University. Sharon is known to all that knew her as a loving, giving individual. She was also known to fight for what she believed in. And...if you didn't believe this, try her! Sean and Chris gave her nine loving grandchildren whom she adored.

Sharon leaves to celebrate her life: two sons, Sean, and Chris; grandchildren, Tatiana, Sean, Daniel, Max, Seth, Silas, Riley, Jade and Calise; great-granddaughter, Synai; brothers, Zachary and Bruce; sisters, Stacey and Donyelle; nieces, Veronica, Tearia, Maniya, Aisha, Chaz, Aniyah, Destiny and Jady; nephews, Derek, Zachary, Lamont, Isaiah, Mark, Matthew, Frederick, Bruce, James, Jacob and Jase; great niece, Donnice and Elice; great nephew, Jaylin; Goddaughter, Dana Kai; and sister-in-law, Jeanaire; Sharon also shared memories and love with the Straughter family for many years. There are a host of other relatives and friends whom Sharon loved and adored. We will miss RED, and we will cry sometimes, however Joy cometh in the morning and...in knowing she was a GOD fearing woman, we can rest in knowing that she is in good hands!

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

## Introductory Rite

Greeting at Church Door and Call to Worship

Blessing with Holy Water

Processional Hymn.....“In The Garden”

Entrance Procession

Placing of Pall and Christian Symbols

Opening Prayer

## Liturgy Of The Word

Reading # 1 (Old Testament).....Romans 6:3-9

Tatiana and Sean

Responsorial Psalm.....“Shepherd Me O God” (Psalm 23)

Reading #2 (New Testament).....Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

Jade and Max

Gospel Reading and Homily.....Celebrant

General Intercessions

## Liturgy Of The Eucharist

Offertory Hymn.....“You Are Near”

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Hymn.....“I Am The Bread Of Life”

Communion Meditation.....“Near To The Heart”

Eulogy/ Remarks.....Obituary read by Veronica

## Final Commendation

Invitation to Prayer

Silence

Incensation and Song of Farewell

Prayers of Commendation

Dismissal

Recessional Hymn.....“Make Me A Channel of Your Peace”

### **Interment**

Kensico Cemetery  
Valhalla, New York

*Whether we can  
wake up or  
Not depends on whether  
we can take  
Conscientious and  
mindful steps.  
The future of all  
life on the  
Earth, depends on  
our steps.*



*~ Thich Nhat Hanh*

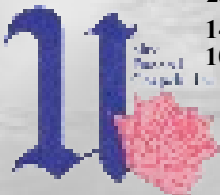
*Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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