

In Loving Memory of
Sheryl Landers



Sunrise
January 30, 1950

Sunset
March 12, 2015

Service
Thursday, March 26, 2015 - 4:00 p.m.

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Obituary

Sheryl Yvonne Landers was born on January 30, 1950 at Harlem Hospital in New York City, to the late, Lucille Landers Rainey and William Rainey. She had three brothers who are deceased, Eugene, Robert and Randy. And she had one sister in Christ, Sandy Cofield Taylor.

Sheryl received her education in New York City. She attended P. S. 68 and JHS Cooper. She also took college courses at Lehman College and special classes at F.I.T. for art and design.

Sheryl “never married the love of her life,” Leslie, but they shared over ten years together.

Singing was Sheryl’s passion, and she sang as much as she could. That was all the time. In 1968, she formed a group with her sister, Sandy called, Fem 3. They did backup for many local groups and performed at many clubs and bars all over the country for five years. They were young so it was very hard to get the prime gigs without a manager. Things got rough so the group broke up and Sandy, Sheri and Tiki had to get jobs to survive. Sheri got her first job at Jazz Boutique and was the manager in a month.

Sheryl loved Diana Ross and so did her two best friends, Sandy and Tiki. When she came out with a new album it was an occasion for them. Sheri would get the music, Sandy would get the food and Tiki would get the wine. This would happen every time there was an album to drop for years. That was a fun night for them. Sheri would get on the phone, “and girl this is it, I have the album in my hand.” It would not get opened until they were all together.

Time went on and Sheryl moved to Harlem from the Bronx into her first apartment with Tiki. There was another apartment on the top floor of this quiet little brownstone and she helped her sister Sandy get it. Times were hard and they were struggling, but they still had time for a lot of singing. Saturday nights were full out jam sessions. Sheryl was the first to snag a real cute guy named Gene Nicols, who was a singer and guitar player. The brownstone was full of dancers, singers and such. What great times they had when they got all these friends together. Wanting to have a great stereo system. Sheryl and Tiki bought three weeks worth of TV dinners for all three of them to eat so they could save money to buy the system. They pooled their money and they were ready when the album, “Touch Me In The Morning”, came out for their Diana party.

In later years, she formed another group with the love of her life, Leslie, a bass player and songwriter called, “Sudden Moves”. They performed at Sweetwaters and many other clubs around the country. What a union, they recorded and wrote a great deal of music together.

Sheryl was a mommy’s girl who loved and worshiped her mother who was as beautiful as a Hollywood movie star, sassy and fun. Many nights she would dance and sing with the three crazy young girls who were always at her house for hours or until she made them go to bed or sent them home.

Her journey finally led her to a job at a company called, Mindshare where she worked for fifteen years with some of the most wonderful people she had ever known.

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Order of Service

Processional

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Scripture Readings

Prayer

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Acknowledgements

Remarks

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Eulogy

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory • Chester, New York

Ain't No Mountain High Enough

*Oh no darling
No wind, no rain
Or winters cold can stop me baby, na na baby
'Cause you are my goal
If you're ever in trouble;
I'll be there on the double
Just send for me, oh baby, ha*

*My love is alive
Way down in my heart
Although we are miles apart
If you ever need a helping hand,
I'll be there on the double
Just as fast as I can
Don't you know that there*

*Ain't no mountain high enough,
Ain't no valley low enough,
Ain't no river wide enough
To keep me from getting to you babe*

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May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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