

A portrait of a smiling woman with long dark hair and glasses, wearing a light-colored top. The background is a soft, warm-toned floral pattern.

*In Loving  
Memory  
of*

*Tara Deveice MacFarlane*

*Sunrise*  
February 4, 1967

*Sunset*  
April 3, 2015

**Service**

Friday, April 10, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Dr. Louis C. Williams, Officiating*

*Glover Memorial Baptist Church*

*Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, Organist*

## *Obituary*

**Tara Deveice Short** was born on February 4, 1967 in Harlem, New York to Lovely Mae Joseph and the late Edward Henry Short. She was the youngest of nine children, and upon the death of her father Edward, Tara was raised by her mother, Lovely and the late Howard Joseph, Sr.

Tara was educated in the New York City Public School system attending Jane Addams High School in the Bronx where she studied nursing, and later attending The College of New Rochelle, where she studied psychology.

Tara began her career as a school crossing guard at 134<sup>th</sup> Street in Harlem, where she was dearly loved by children and parents alike; then moved on to Capital One Bank. Her final position was with the NYC Human Resources Administration, Department of Social Services, where she worked from 2010.

Tara met and married the love of her life, Wayne MacFarlane on June 20, 1991 at City Hall; but because she wanted to wait for her brother, Eddie Brian Short to come home and give her away, they were remarried on June 21, 1997 in a beautiful ceremony in Central Park. Together they raised Edward Hakeem Short III.

Tara loved the Lord with all her heart and was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church in Harlem where she sang on the choir. A lover of seafood, her favorite restaurant was JP's on City Island where she and Wayne were their faithful customers. Tara was a great cook and her family looked forward to sharing those meals with her. With her feisty personality and big beautiful Kool-Aid smile, she and her husband Wayne had a special kind of love that people only wished for; a godly love that kept them together; doing everything together; where one was, so was the other.

Tara became ill in 2013 and fought with a brave spirit, her feisty nature not allowing her to give up. On April 3, 2015 at 1:06 am, Good Friday, God quietly called our sister home in accordance with His perfect plan for her life. God granted her wish to leave this life quietly in the company of her loving husband and family. She leaves to cherish her memory: a loving and devoted husband, Wayne MacFarlane; son, Edward Hakeem Short III; her mother, Lovely Mae Joseph; grandmother, Rannie Gomez; sisters, Jennifer Henry, Shelia Joseph, Yvette Moody, Roslyn Wesley and Celeste P. Ross; brothers, Howard Joseph, Jr., and Edward Brian Short; uncle, James Short; aunt, Alice Kiah; sisters-in-law; brothers-in-law; nieces, great nieces, nephews, great nephews; and host of cousins and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection.....Phyllis Dade  
*New Light Baptist Church*

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Bobby Lewis  
*New Light Baptist Church*

Scripture Readings.....Paula Joseph  
Old Testament Reading - Psalm 23  
New Testament Reading - John 14:1-4

Selection.....“Open Up Your Heart”

Reading of the Obituary .....Brigette Short

Reflections/Precious Memories:

Paula Joseph  
Eddie Short  
Shelia Joseph  
Jennifer Henry

Selection.....“Over The Rainbow”

Eulogy/Words of Comfort

Benediction

*Interment*

Maple Grove Cemetery  
Hackensack, New Jersey



*I'm*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*Free*

*I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

### *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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