

In Loving Memory of



Ruth Marie Alston Harley

Sunrise
January 10, 1959

Sunset
April 6, 2015

Service

Monday, April 13, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Obituary

Remembering **Ruth Marie Alston** 1959 - 2015

Marie was born in Harlem, NY to the late Walter and Ruth Alston on January 10, 1959.

Marie started her formal education in public schools, ending with Lehman College gaining skills and knowledge in the field of caring for adults with special needs. This was a passion for her.

The embodiment of who Marie is goes far beyond that of most people. When life's struggles got you down, Marie took it and made it better. You needed advice, there she was. You needed someone to make you laugh, all you needed was the sense of humor and fun loving nature of Marie. Those that are lucky know what it's like to be embraced under her wings because, when she had you, she had you all the way. Marie was the person that took care of you and your family in a loving way. Marie had the heart, warmth, generosity and smile of an angel.

In 1992, Marie went to work for the New York Transit System, retiring after twenty-two years. She met a lot of friends at this job and they're still friends after her retirement.

On July 30, 2004, Marie made herself attend a party, at this party she officially met someone she'd had her eyes on for a few years, Sharon Harley. They talked, exchanged numbers, dated and soon realized they were soul mates which led to marriage.

Marie was preceded in death by both parents, one aunt and two cousins.

She leaves to cherish her beloved memories: her loving wife, Sharon Harley; daughter, Special Thompson; son, Anthony Floyd; two aunts, Mary Wilson and Helen Allen; six grandchildren; twenty-three cousins; three god-children; and a host of loving friends and other loved ones.

Marie we love you but God loved you best. Sleep in peace!

Order of Service

Organist.....From Unity

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Prayer of ComfortTo My Family and Friends

Solo Leonora Williams
“Precious Lord Take My Hand”

Acknowledgement..... Diamond Shammgod

Reflections No more than 2 minutes please

Solo Zuleika Calix
“I’ll Be Missing You”

ObituaryKarrin Berry

Solo Sonia Price
“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Eulogy Rev. Vanessa M. Brown
Senior Pastor of Rivers of Living Water - New York

Final Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

Postlude

<p><i>Interment</i> Cypress Hills Cemetery Brooklyn, New York</p>

To My Family and Friends



When I am gone, release me and let me go. I have so many things to see and do. You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears: be happy that we had so many years. I gave you my love. You can only guess how much you gave me to me in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown, but now it's time I traveled on alone. Grieve a while for me if grieve you must: then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part so bless the memories within your heart. I won't be far away, for life goes on so if you need me, call and I will come. Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near and if you listen with your heart, you'll hear all of my love around you soft and clear. And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile, and say "Welcome Home."

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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