

Celebrating the Life of



A portrait of Crystal Sharelle Lewis, a Black woman with long dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark police uniform with a peaked cap. A patch on her left sleeve reads "POLICE DIRECTOR POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW YORK". The background is a soft, ethereal scene with white doves, purple and white roses, and hanging crystal ornaments.

Crystal
Sharelle
Lewis

November 08, 1978 to August 20, 2026

Saturday, September 5, 2026

Viewing: 12pm to 3pm | Funeral Services: 3pm

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Rev. Dr. Turner, Officiating Minister



Obituary

On Thursday, August 20, 2026, **Crystal Sharelle Lewis** entered eternal rest, leaving behind a legacy of love, joy, and community strength. Born on November 8, 1978, at Roosevelt Hospital, Crystal was a proud, lifelong native of Manhattan, New York, and the cherished daughter of the late Carole Lewis and Charlie Brown. Crystal was known for her private nature, yet her generosity knew no limits. Whenever someone was in need, she selflessly showed up.

Crystal was raised in Building 550 of the Grant Houses, cherished deeply by her maternal grandmother, Eartha “Mickey” Lewis, and her aunt, Diane Lewis. In their eyes, Crystal was perfect and could truly do no wrong. Their unwavering devotion shaped the remarkable woman she became, surrounding her childhood with the warmth of family, boundless love, and protection. She began her education at P.S. 36, continued to P.S. 125 and I.S. 195, attended the High School of Graphic Communication Arts, and later graduated from Satellite High School.

Crystal blossomed into a true community anchor. To know Crystal, ‘the original’ was to know a passion for joy and gathering. She loved hosting a great cookout, spinning the right music, keeping the drinks flowing, and treating every friend she met as true family. Guided by a natural desire to nurture and protect, Crystal brought passion to every occupation she held. From her time at Chelsea Piers and her years as a loving nanny, to her work at a rehabilitation center as an administrative assistant, she always served her community. This lifetime of care beautifully led to her final role with NYPD School Safety, where she helped keep children safe.

Of all the titles Crystal held, none mattered more to her than being a mother. Her love for her son, Cassius, was profound and unconditional. She honored him in everything she did, deliberately fostering a positive, loving environment surrounded by family and supported by his devoted parents and godparents.

Crystal completed her earthly journey and returned to her heavenly home, where she was reunited with her parents, her paternal grandmother “Curly,” her nephew Armian Jones Jr., and dear family and friends who preceded her. Yet, the love she gave so freely remains a guiding light for everyone she knew.

Crystal’s radiant memory will live on forever in the village she leaves behind. She is survived by her pride and joy, her son, Cassius Ali; her maternal grandmother, Eartha “Mickey” Lewis; her aunts, Diane Lewis and Patricia Lagoff; her dedicated godparents, Belinda and Mary; her first cousins, Nathaniel, Natasha, Nicholas, and Noel Lagoff; her cousin, Destinee Marie “1st Child” Stackhouse; and her godchildren, Jaeden T. Fitzhugh and Jourdyn T. Henderson.

She leaves a lasting void in the hearts of her siblings who loved her dearly: her brother Charlie “Lil Charlie” Brown Jr. and sister Tammy Brown; her nieces and nephews, Ari Jones, Arianna Jones, Ar’miyah Jones, and Ar’mel Jones; her great-nephew, Jy’Aire Jones-Hartwell; her brother Douglas Jacobs and his daughter, Riyyin Jacobs; and her sister LaShana Carey and her daughter, Kimora Carey. Crystal’s legacy will also be fiercely carried on by her protective tribe of lifelong childhood family, friends, and esteemed co-workers who loved her and shared in the many chapters of her life.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

Order of Service



PROCESSIONAL.....Organist
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REMARKSLimited To Two Minutes
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Final Disposition

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I awake each morning to start a new day but the pain of losing you never goes away. I go about the things I have to do and as the hours pass, I think again of you. I want to call you and just hear your voice.

Then I remember that I have no choice. For you are not there and now my heart cries, just to see you again to tell you goodbye. To say, Mama, I love you and I always will and hope that much of you, in me you've instilled, the day that you left I just didn't know that you were going where I couldn't go. And now all my memories of you are so dear, but gosh, how I miss you and wish you were here. Who now can hear me when I cry? It's so hard to tell you, "Mama goodbye". Someday I know all will be well and I'll see you again with stories to tell, of how you were missed and how we have grown and how good it is to finally be home. Until then my memories of you, I'll keep near and I'll pass them on those who are dear.

A letter to mama written by Crystal S. Lewis

Acknowledgement

The Lewis family wishes to express their deepest appreciation for the many acts of kindness, comforting prayers, and expressions of love shown to them during this time of bereavement. Your support has been a source of great strength.

In lieu of flowers, the family gently requests that you send cards sharing your most memorable moments, heartfelt prayers, or a favorite poem to help honor their loved one's legacy.

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