

*In Loving Memory of*



*Linda D. Charles-Hinks*

*Sunrise: September 7, 1950*

*Sunset: September 5, 2017*

Memorial Service

*Tuesday, September 12, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.*

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION R.C. CHURCH**

389 E. 150th Street • Bronx, NY 10455

# Obituary

*Linda Devonne Charles-Hinks, age 67, died peacefully on September 5, 2017 at Sloan Memorial Kettering Hospital. She had a seven year battle with multiple myeloma. Linda was born on September 7, 1950, in New York City, the daughter of George Hunter and Barnetta Walker.*

*George and Barnetta had two daughters, Brenda and Linda who were both educated and raised in Harlem. In 1966, Linda became a teen mother, she had a son, Bernard Smalls, who she took pride in raising him as a single parent. In 1967, she enrolled and graduated from Jersey City Job Corp; she graduated with the highest GPA and won a full nursing scholarship to Charleston, West Virginia State University. She decided to take a break from her studies and move back to New York City.*

*In 1968, she began her career in customer relations at Con Edison; she had an illustrious forty years. In 1970, Linda met Sidney Charles, they married in 1972 at her aunt's home in Wilmington, Delaware and in 1975, they had a daughter, Sylinda. She separated from her spouse and continued to persevere in life as a mother to her children and her career. In 1987, she met Randolph Hinks; they had a courtship for thirty years and on September 15, 2012, they took each other's hand in marriage at Immaculate Conception Church.*

*Family and friends were Linda's passion and delight. She loved to travel, host and entertain and frequently had parties at her house. She enjoyed visiting family in North Carolina and relaxing on the beaches of Rehoboth Beach and Ocean City.*

*Linda was also a member of Immaculate Conception Church, the senior club at Kennedy Center and an active volunteer.*

*In 1987, Linda became a friend of Bill, and was blessed to celebrate thirty years of sobriety. Her life took a turn; in 2008 she was diagnosed with spinal stenosis and lumbar sprain which led to her early retirement. Later in 2010, she was diagnosed with multiple myeloma and renal failure which she battled for seven years.*

*Linda lost her son, Bernard Smalls and her sister, Brenda Benjamin in 2013. She is survived by: her daughter, Sylinda; husband, Randolph; granddaughters, Latoya, Nicole and Simone; nephew, Theodore Benjamin; nieces, Jennifer and Jocinda; a host of relatives from Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina and Pittsburgh; and her church family of Immaculate Conception and friends.*

*Linda blessed us with her charm, laughter, energetic spirit and the willingness to give.*

# Order of Mass

*Entrance Rite*

*Entrance Song*

*Opening Prayer*

*First Reading*

*Responsorial Psalm*

*Gospel*

*Homily*

*Prayer of the Faithful*

*Presentation of the Gifts*

*Prayer over the Gifts*

*Preface*

*Eucharistic Prayer*

*Our Father*

*Sign of Peace*

*Lamb of God*

*Communion*

*Prayer after Communion*

*Eulogy*

*Final Commendation*

*Final Disposition*

*Oxford Hills Crematory • Chester, New York*

# I'm Free

*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.  
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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