

Sunrise January 11, 1944

> Sunset March 18, 2021

Sharon Elaine Cole

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 - 11:00 am

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

1406 Pitkin Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11233

Pastor Jason Hendrickson, Officiating

Latasha Jordan, Organist



On January 11, 1944 in the Bronx, NY we were blessed with the birth of **Sharon Elaine Cole**. She was one of eight children born to the late William and Sarah Steward.

Sharon although born in the Bronx grew up in the Kingsborough Houses where her parents raised her in a loving home in Brooklyn, NY. She was educated in the public school system of Brooklyn. It was here that she discovered her passion for drawing, playing handball, softball and singing. She reminded us many times of her childhood singing group Sharon and the Shantelles and as an adult she played softball for the "Foxy Reds". She received her diploma in 1962.

In 1965 Sharon was briefly married but no children were born from this union. In 1968 true love found her and she met her soul mate Benjamin whom she affectionately called "Caruso" who loved her dearly until the end. From this union they would raise five children.

Sharon moved her family to the Marlboro houses in the early 1970s. This section of Brooklyn at the time was no stranger to racism but Sharon was never known to tolerate any crap. She marched and spoke out for Willie Turks as well as Usef Hawkins. Her neighbors and community admired and respected her no non sense attitude.

Sharon loved people and people loved her. She worked as a certified medical assistant. She would practice drawing blood on her son Dondi because her other children wouldn't allow it, during her schooling she later transitioned into the mental health field and made a career of helping mentally challenged adults. In 2001 she retired from Fountain House, a non profit organization that housed mentally challenged adults. There after she spent all of her days caring and loving on her grand and great grandchildren and watching all her shows.

Sharon was fierce but gracious at the same time. She would cuss you out and give you her last all in one breath. No matter what you knew you were loved in her presence.

Sharon was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to all who knew her.

Preceding her in death were her brothers William Steward III, Robert Steward and Freddie Steward, her sisters Mary Smith and Jacqueline Peterson and her grandson Micheal A. Porter III.

On March 18, 2021 Sharon departed her earthly life to reunite with her heavenly family, leaving a void that will be impossible to fill.

Here to cherish her memories are her husband Benjamin, daughters Toiya (Lawrence), Stephanie (Corey~deceased), and Gwendolyn. Her sons Dondi (Jarine) and Eric. Grandchildren Tiffany, Amber, Noah and Kobe. Great-Grandchildren Kori, Kortney, Darnelle Jr and Dakota, her brother Thomas Steward and sister Faye Steward and an abundance of nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, extended family and friends who are too great to count but who will cherish her memory just the same.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment Rosehill Cemetery Linden, New Jersey

Words from the Grandchildren

It's no words to express the love we have for you. You pushed us through any and every milestone of our lives. We will carry with us forever all the things we learned from you, and we will use the strength that you instilled in us all to help push through all the days that you won't be with us. You will always be our favorite girl. You gave us 100 percent of you. We love you always NANA.

From your Laquita (Tiffany). Your NuNubaby (Amber). Your Grandpa (Noah) and your Pop (Kobe)

You are the best great-grandmother EVER!!!!!
We love you Nana.

Love Kori, Kortney, Karter, and Koko

Heknowledgement

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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