

In Loving Memory of



Shyrle Patterson

Sunrise
December 2, 1956

Sunset
June 20, 2021

Wednesday, June 30, 2021 - 6PM

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Obituary

Shyrlé “Lullabel” Patterson was a loving and caring daughter, mother, sister, aunt, great-aunt, niece, fiancé, and friend. She left this world suddenly on June 20, 2021, in her home in East Harlem, New York.

She was born in Harlem to Naomi Elizabeth Patterson and William Saunders Patterson, Sr., on December 2, 1956. She received her primary and secondary education in New York. As a child, Shyrlé was diagnosed with Slipped Capital Femoral Epiphysis, which is a hip condition that disabled her at a very young age. As a result, she had to have multiple hip replacement surgeries. Despite the constant pain that Shyrlé felt, her condition did not dampen her love for life, nor her fun personality.

Shyrlé worked for a time at the Board of Education, as a truant officer, for several years. However, due to an unfortunate work-related injury, she had to resign from that position. The injury was a challenge and added to the difficulty Shyrlé was already experiencing, due to her disability. However, she continued to be a source of love, comfort, and a good time for friends and family. No matter whether Shyrlé was up or down, her smile and infectious laughter is what made people gravitate to her. Her home was our gathering place!

Shyrlé loved spending time in the kitchen, making finger licking good meals for herself and the family. It was her way of showing her love for everyone. For holidays and birthdays, Shyrlé's home was the place to get a meal, that'll put you in a food coma! She loved her family and made it her duty to keep us together, no matter what. Before having her daughter Rae Jeane, Shyrlé helped raise many other children in our family, who grew up to be wonderful adults. She was never the type of person to bite her tongue, not for anyone. If she felt or thought something, you were definitely going to hear it.

She also loved to sing, and as a young teen, Shyrlé sang background vocals for her cousin, Ben E. King. Everyone adored her singing, which is how she gained the nickname “Lullabel.” She had a powerful, yet soft singing voice, and it was unmatched.

Much later in her life, she developed breast cancer, but was able to beat it with her signature courage and strength. In 2019, she became engaged to Joe, a longtime friend and confidant. Unfortunately, due to his untimely death in 2020, they were not able to get married. In January 2021, she contracted COVID-19, and was admitted into the hospital. She fought her way through that and came out on the other side.

Shyrlé's life will be cherished in the lives of: her daughter, Rae Jeane “Rae” Tatum; sister, Cynthia “Cindy” Patterson; brother, Stephen “Steve” Patterson; her constants, Martisha “Marty” Patterson, Terrance Patterson, Robert “Lil Bob” or just “Bob” Patterson and Joshua “Josh” Patterson; a host of other nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews; two aunts, Virgie Alston and Lilly Zella Hicks; a host of devoted family and friends; and her very beautiful and loving dog, Bella Luce, who was by her side when she passed on. Shyrlé was predeceased by her mother, father, sister, Linda Lee Patterson; three brothers, William “Peter” Saunders Patterson, Jr., Phillip “Phil” Patterson and Robert “Big Bob” Wayne Patterson, Sr.; as well as her fiancé, Harry Joseph “Joe” Brown.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

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Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

FINAL DISPOSITION:
Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York

***Shyrle's favorite saying "You think because I'm in this wheelchair,
that makes me less dangerous, or MORE dangerous!!!"***



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 his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

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

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah 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 savoured 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.

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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