

Celebrating the Life of
Belinda L. Shepard



Sunrise
September 11, 1952

Sunset
December 11, 2021

Sunday, December 26, 2021 - 6PM

Wayside Baptist Church
1746 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Obituary

Belinda L. Shepard, affectionately known as “Linda”, was the third eldest child born to the late Curlicue Wells, Sr. and Dorothy L. Wells in Harlem Hospital on September 11, 1952.

Linda was educated in the New York City school system, where she graduated from Maxwell High School, she later attended college. Linda went to work for the New York City Department of Homeless Service where she retired after September 11, 2001.

Linda was a member of Gethsemane Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Anthony Chaneyfield. She was church secretary, on the usher board, and the T.C. Fields Choir. Linda loved to sing. Linda later joined the MZH Ensemble under the leadership of Rev. M. Z. Hamatheite and became a member of the Wayside Baptist Church Choir where she continued to sing until her health began to fail.

Linda leaves to cherish her memory: her husband of 32 years, Horace Shepard, affectionately known as “Bae”; daughters, Tonia Chaneyfield, Malicia Lewis (Steven Sr.), Candice Valentine, and Seanda Shepard; grandchildren, Teaira Granttrail (George), Dr. Moshae Lewis, Monae, Rahman, Mahogani, Rakem, Steven Jr., Laneek Jr., and Sadiq; great granddaughter, Trinity who she affectionately called “Princess Trinity”; sisters, Andrea Wells, Toni Wells, and Karen Lockamy; bonus sister, Muriel Browder; sister-in-Love, Karen Chaneyfield; brothers, Curlicue Wells, Jr. (Carol), Walter Wells, Sr. who preceded her in death (Lona), Edward Lockamy (Wendy), and Craig Lockamy (Veronica); sisters-in-law, Jannie Shepard (Lonnie) and Doris Squires (Jerry); Godchildren, Kezia and Tasia; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

Belinda will be missed by many, for her wit and her infectious laugh.

Order of Service

Rev. M. Z. Hamatheite, Officiating
Elder Sha Durant, Organist

Processional

Opening Song.....“Hold To His Hand”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Soloist.....April Williams

Prayer of Comfort

Music Selection.....Choir

Acknowledgements/Remarks.....Family

Obituary.....Karen Chaneyfield

Music Selection.....Choir

Soloist.....Karen Chaneyfield

Message of Comfort

Recessional

Interment

The Evergreens Cemetery
Brooklyn, New York

Footprints

One night a woman had a dream. She dreamed she was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from her life. For each scene, she noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to her, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of her life flashed before her, she looked back at the footprints in the sand. She noticed that many times along the path of her life there was only one set of footprints. She also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in her life.

This really bothered her and she questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

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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