

Miss Me, But Let Me Go!

*When I come to the end of the road, and the sun has set for me.
I want no rites in a gloom filled room, why cry for a soul set free.
Miss me a little, but not too long, and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared, Miss me – but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take, and each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home.
When you are lonely, and sick at heart, go to the friends we know.*

Laugh at all the things we used to do, Miss Me, But Let Me Go!!

Vaughn Greene Funeral Service

Randallstown, Maryland 21133

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

General Public Viewing 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Garrison Forest Veteran Cemetery

Baltimore, MD

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 10:45 am

The Placing of the Casket

The Final Departure

Casket Bearers

Relatives and Friends

Flower Bearers

Relatives and Friends

With Our Heartfelt Thanks

We through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) God has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. God's Word has been manifested through your many expressions of sympathy and support; we praise God from whom all blessings flow. Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved "Irene" and for remembering us during her illness and passing. In our risen Lord, we have peace that passes all understanding.

The Family

Professional Services Entrusted to "Those Who Care"

Rutledge & Bigham Mortuary, Inc.

603 South Center Street, Statesville, NC 28677

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Visit "Mrs. Sharpe" online tribute at

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A Celebration of Life
Remembering



MRS. IRENE REGINA BRYANT SHARPE

JULY 11, 1940 — MAY 31, 2022

Her children arise and call her blessed, and her husband also.

Proverbs 31

Clyde



Irene



Granny

I love You So Much
That words cannot even explain.
Praying to God everyday to heal my hurting pain,
Not only were you my granny, you were my mommy too.
Took me in and raised me.
I am forever grateful to you
I know I drove you crazy the way you used to pray
and plead the blood of Jesus Christ over me.
I thank God everyday for your prayers
because who knows what I would have been, Granny
I'm not okay with this and I know it may sould
selfish youre reunited with daddy.
Now maybe I'm a little jealous.
I'm going to miss that georgous smile, your beautiful face,
your lovely voice and your stylish ways.
Get your rest now, Granny
I know you are happy as can be.
Until we meet again, please save a spot for me

Love Tyneisha

The love of a
FAMILY
is life's greatest blessing

Big I, Little I



I was your baby girl, there was nothing or no one more important to me in the world. When I look in the mirror, I see your face trying to figure out how to continue this race. You pled the Blood of Jesus over my life and as I waited patiently to become His wife; that's all you ever wanted for me.

I'm so sorry I waited and now you won't see. I came down 95 like I was coming cross town. My love for you was so strong that it didn't matter that the drive was so long. Came cross 85 and then down 40; hit 77 just to lay in your bed and kiss your forehead. You would smile when you saw me just sitting on your chair. You knew you were going to the store, if it was just for some hair. We would shop – my mall cruises and laugh and eat with no care.

You knew you were good, your Lil I was there. I would meet you at Clark's Chapel every Mother's Day, to show you that love in my own special way. You loved your church, your pastor's too. Your walk with God is what brought me through. You cried and you prayed, but you knew my value. You never gave up on me as I was going through. You asked me to trust God, when I didn't have a clue.

Your Style Was Amazing

I wanted to be just like you!
The cloths, the jewelry, the attitude too.
My Big I, My Mom, My Friend.
The one who loved me unconditionally
To the very end. *Manrie*

*Her children arise and call her blessed,
and her husband also. Proverbs 31*



A MOTHER'S LOVE

*MOTHERS ARE A SPECIAL GIFT,
SENT DOWN FROM GOD ABOVE,
TO SHARE A BIT OF HEAVEN,
WITH ALL THEIR TENDER LOVE.*

*YOU SEE, SHE WORKS NOT FOR HERSELF,
BUT FOR HER FAMILY'S CARE,
SO LOVINGLY SHE CARRIES
THIS BURDEN SHE MUST BEAR.*

*SO MANY TIMES HER LABORS GO,
UNSEEN BY OTHER'S EYES,*

*WE DO NOT KNOW OF ALL THE PRAYERS,
OR MANY TEARS SHE CRIES.*

*YET, THROUGH THE JOY AND THROUGH THE PAIN,
PRAME DAY TO DAY SHE GIVES,
TO SEE HER FAMILY HAPPY,
IS THE REASON THAT SHE LIVED.*

*SO NOW WE THANK GOD FOR OUR MOTHERS,
WE KNOW WE CAN'T REPAY
FOR ALL THAT SHE HAD GIVEN TO US,
EACH AND EVERY DAY.*



The Family Tribute

Do not be anxious about anything; but in every situation by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your request to God, and the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7

Mrs. Irene Regina Bryant Sharpe, daughter of the late Theodore and Imerdene Bryant, was born on July 11, 1940, in Baltimore, Md. She peacefully departed this life on May 31, 2022, at Iredell Memorial Hospital in Statesville N, C.

Irene Regina Sharpe affectionately known to many as Granny, but to us she was Mother or Mom, was the fifth child out of twelve children. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Deacon Clyde P. Sharpe, one grandson, Montrel Evans; a sister, Cynthia Bryant, brothers, Theodore Bryant Jr., Nathaniel Bryant, Phillip Bryant and Charles Bryant, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, aunts and uncles.

She attended Baltimore City Public Schools and held various jobs through her lifetime. She received her cosmetology certification while at Carver Vocational High School; she received her CNA from Mitchell Community College in 1992 and retired from Iredell Memorial Hospital after 19 years of service in Anesthesia department. Even though all of that her main job was serving her God, her family, her church. She met and married the love of her life Clyde P Sharpe, "Parks" as she affectionally called him on October 17, 1957 and out of this union were eight children.

Raised in the Fire Baptize Holiness Church alongside her mother and grandmother, she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at an early age and served God ever since. Her Christian walk started at New Jerusalem FBH Church and after she married, she moved her membership to Calvary Baptist Church in Baltimore, Md where she was a longtime member under the leadership of the late Pastor Lorenzo Graves, Jr. While at Calvary, she stood beside her husband as a Deaconess while he was being ordained as a Deacon. She was the Director of the Food service committee for over thirty years, a member of the Gospel Chorus, Pastor Aide and the CBC Day Care.

Mom had a passion for cooking and feeding everyone she could. It was never a dull day at the Sharpe residence, especially on Sunday when everyone would gather at 931 Ashburton Street, they knew it was going to be some good ole fried chicken and her famous sweet potato pies. We would eat, clean up and then have a concert. We knew she did not play no games with us. She said what she meant and meant what she said at all levels. Doing her pass time, she loved doing hair, mall cruising, making jewelry, roller skating, riding motorcycle with her Parks, making clothes, vacationing, camping and spending money. Family was everything to her. While growing up she would always make sure we had family time, we would go skating every Saturday at Painter's Mill Skating Rink and bowling every Friday at Woodlawn Bowling Alley.

Once her Parks retired, she packed up and moved to Olin, N.C. to start a new chapter in life where she followed her husband and joined his family church, Siloam AME. Continuing her Christian walk, she later joined, Clarks Chapel Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor, C.B. Mingo. As a faithful Pastor's Aide President, she later welcomed the New Pastor, Dietrich Morrison Danner, where she served him faithfully until her health failed.

She leaves to cherish her memory three sons, Carl (Lucretia) Sharpe, Kevin (Lisa) Sharpe, and Andre Carpenter; four daughters, Apostle Felecia Bell, Wanda (Pastor Stephen) Smith, Jacqueline Sharpe, Marnie (Lenon Bishop Ford, III) Sharpe and Helen Lewis; fifteen grandchildren, Tanea (Rubin, III), Myia, Carla, Tyneisha, Calvin, Briah, DeSean, Teseanah, Kevin Jr. Monyette, Jerod, Kristen, Sophia, Naomi and Josiah; twenty great grandchildren, Jasmine, Shamia, Shamyia, Amonie, Kendrick, Amierra, Morgan, Donyae, Donnell, Daelyn, Camari, Camierra, Calvin Jr. Jay, Laila, Autumn, Bailey, Aniyah, Rubin IV and Lexington; four great great grandchildren, Laila, Joshua, Malik and Mekhi; four sisters, Laverne Bankins, Janice Silver, Clarice and Brenda Bryant; two brothers, Henry and Leonard Bryant; a host of other relatives including nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors, spiritual sons and daughters, the Clark's Chapel Baptist Church family, great family, friends and one special friend, Sylvia Self who stood beside her to the end.

"To God be the glory for the great things he has done"

Homegoing Service for

Deaconess Irene B. Sharpe

Friday, June 10, 2022
Clark's Chapel Baptist Church
Statesville, North Carolina

Rev. Dr. Dietrich M. Danner, Pastor, Officiating

The Moments of Sharing

12:00 p.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The Order of Worship

12:30 p.m.

Prelude		Dr. Mondrae' Williams Mr. Freddie Morrison Minister Derone McNeill
Invocation		Minister Chris Gibbs
Hymn of Assurance	"Blessed Assurance"	
Scripture		
Old Testament	Psalms 16: 1-11 Psalms 23	Pastor Tewanna Myers Divine Ministry Pastor Michael Turner Holiness Church of God Judgment Free Ministry
New Testament	Revelation 21: 22-27	Rev. Leslie Morrison Speak Life and Live
Prayer of Comfort		Bishop Lonnie Gray First Resurrection Church of God
Song of Praise		
Reflections (<i>Limit two minutes please</i>)		Deaconess Ministry Culinary Ministry Pastoral Aide Ministry Community Friend Family
Song of Praise		
Acknowledgements and Church Resolution		
Song of Tribute	"I Shall Wear A Crown"	
Eulogy		Rev. Dr. Morrison Danner
Recessional	"He'll Welcome Me"	