

The Rose of Sharon



*"I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys."
- Song of Solomon 2:1 (KJV)*

*Like a beautiful rose,
Sharon's life blossomed with love,
compassion, strength, and grace.
She planted seeds of kindness in the hearts
of everyone she encountered and nurtured countless
lives through her caring spirit.
Though her earthly journey has ended,
the love she gave will continue to bloom through her children,
family, friends, and every life she touched.*

*Our Rose of Sharon has been called home.
Her petals may no longer grace this earth,
but her fragrance of love, wisdom,
and beautiful memories will remain with us forever.*

*Rest peacefully, Mom Dukes,
at the feet of our Heavenly Father.*

Until we meet again.

Acknowledgments

Our family wishes to extend our profound and sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. Through our cherished memories, **SHARON** will live on in our hearts forever. May we continue to celebrate her life by living freely and with gratitude every single day that we have the ability to take a breath.

Arrangements Entrusted to:


BENTA'S
Funeral Home, Inc.
630 St. Nicholas Avenue
New York, NY 10030
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In Loving Memory of



Sharon Odette Allen

SUNRISE: JULY 17, 1955 - SUNSET: SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

Funeral Service

Sunday, September 27, 2026 • 2:00 P.M.

BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME, INC.

630 Saint Nicholas Avenue • New York, NY 10030

REVEREND TERRENCE KENNEDY, Officiant

FABIAN RALPH, Minister of Music

Interment

Monday, September 28, 2026

ROSEDALE CEMETERY

Linden, New Jersey

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE

INVOCATION

REV. TERRENCE KENNEDY

MUSICAL SELECTION

“HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

PRAYER OF COMFORT

REV. TERRENCE KENNEDY

REFLECTIONS

FAMILY & FRIENDS
(TWO MINUTES PLEASE)

OBITUARY READING

MUSICAL SELECTION

“TAKE ME TO THE KING”

EULOGY

REV. TERRENCE KENNEDY

COMMITTAL & BENEDICTION

REV. TERRENCE KENNEDY

FINAL VIEWING

FUNERAL DIRECTOR

RECESSIONAL

Obituary

SHARON ODETTE ALLEN passed away from a cardiovascular blockage at the age of 71 in Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx, New York on Friday, September 11, 2026.

Sharon, affectionately known as “Buckwheat” or simply “Buck” by family and friends, was born on July 17, 1955 in New York to Alphonso Allen and Shirley Jones-Allen. She worked hard to help others and to be an inspiration to her family, friends, and patients. She was a faith warrior who believed in God with all her heart, mind, and spirit. Her strong faith gave her the strength and the passion to inspire, help, and care for others even while she was in pain.

She graduated from James Monroe High School in 1974. She went back to school and graduated from Lehman College in 2004, and she graduated from Bronx Community College in 2008. She studied nursing and worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant and later as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Her most lengthy employment was at Pelham Parkway Nursing Home, which lasted for approximately 30 years. She also worked at Riverdale Nursing Home and Highbridge-Woodcrest Center and volunteered at Calvary Hospital. Sharon loved working and caring for her patients; she was adamant about being on time for work and being present for her work shift every day.

Sharon was a dedicated mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, friend, and caregiver. She met Eduardo Sonhouse in 1977 and had two children.

She is survived by her two children Shameaka Allen and Rasheen Allen; her grandchildren Emani Allen, Russell Allen, Ryan Allen, and Elijah Allen; her great-grandchildren Tierek Johnson, Ty’lin Johnson, and Aziya Johnson; and her siblings Peter Allen, Yusuf Rastafari, David Allen, and Mary Williams.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alphonso Allen and Shirley Jones-Allen, and siblings Theresa, Paul, Deborah, Mark, Miriam, and Michael.

Although she did not fear death, Sharon will be deeply missed and remembered by everyone who knew her, loved her, worked with her, or receive care from her.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Allen Family