



## WHEN I'M GONE

By Mrs. Lyman Hancock

*When I come to the end of my journey  
And I travel my last weary mile  
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned  
And remember only the smile*

*Forget unkind words I have spoken  
Remember some good I have done  
Forget that I ever had heartache  
And remember I've had loads of fun*

*Forget that I've stumbled and blundered  
And sometimes fell by the way  
Remember I have fought some hard battles  
And won, ere the close of the day*

*Then forget to grieve for my going  
I would not have you sad for a day  
But in summer just gather some flowers  
And remember the place where I lay*

*And come in the shade of evening  
When the sun paints the sky in the west  
Stand for a few moments beside me  
And remember only my best.*



## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

With Gratitude and Appreciation, we express our heartfelt thanks  
for your prayers during our time of sympathy

**THE CLINE FAMILY**

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*Loving*



*Shirley Cline*

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# Tributes to Our Mom

Mom, you were always my very best friend. I would do the dumbest things and not be afraid, until it was time for me to come home; nevertheless, you still loved me. You were always my first “go-to person for whatever situation arose and go-between with me and my siblings”. We shared thousands of secrets with one another, and I am going to miss our phone conversations. I looked for guidance from you all my life and you always gave me an honest answer, even if the truth hurt! I’m so glad you had the opportunity to meet your one of your last Great grandsons (Aston).

**FOREVER LOVING YOU – GERALDINE**

Mom, you are the greatest. I looked up to you as a little girl. My sweet mom continue your journey. I’ll join you one day, and despite it all - God is Great!

**LOVE YOU ALWAYS – NADINE**

Hi Mom, this still feels like a dream. I am not ready to say goodbye. Your lessons of love, compassion, humor, and real talks made me the man I am today. Thanks for being a positive role model. Because of those lessons you will always be with me. Momma, thank you for being the best mother. Thanks for the wonderful memories and thanks for those awesome meals. I am going to miss those sweet short stays at my house, the seafood feasts, and our trips to City Island (more crabs, more shrimps, and more lobsters). Thanks for the laughter and thanks for the green thumb. I am going to miss your smiles but will always remember the biggest smile watching you enjoy your visit with your last great grandson (Kayden). So sorry you didn’t have another opportunity to spend time with us.

**I LOVE YOU AND I WILL MISS YOU ALWAYS – AUBREY (SHANGO)**

Mom, I was your baby; your last born. I know you had “my back” no matter what. You were my biggest supporter, my rock, even when you didn’t agree with me. Mommy, you will be missed. I wished I we had more time, until we see each other again.

**LOVE YOU - ISAIAH**

## LET ME GO

*By Christiana Rossetti*

*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?*

# Obituary

**SHIRLEY CLINE** entered this life on April 20, 1940, in Daytona, Florida. She was the only child to the late Joe Alex and Naomi Walker.

Shirley attended grade school in New York City and later graduated as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). She worked at Veteran’s Administration Medical Center for 20 years. Shirley loved her job and took great pride in her work. Anyone who knew Shirley knew that she considered nurses and soldiers “Her Babies”.

While working at Veteran’s Administration, Shirley was acknowledged for many achievements such as: Commendation for Excellence in Nursing (1996) and Certification of Appreciation for her loyal and dedicated service to the United States Government during an honorable 15-year career. Shirley was invited to Washington, DC to receive the 2003 Secretary’s Award for Excellence in Nursing. Along with the award, she also received an executive letter from the White House, signed by President Bush which states:

***“I commend you for your hard work and dedication to providing quality health care for American’s veterans. Your compassion and commitment to excellence advance health care in our Nation and bring comfort and healing to those who have risked their lives to defend our freedom.”***

On April 23, 2022, Shirley gained her wings and departed this life. She leaves to cherish her memories, her Children: Geraldine, Nadine, Aubrey (Natalie) and Isaiah. Grandchildren: Ali, Ibrahim (Diane), Guishard, Monifa, Giovanni (Reggie), Igwe, Mugabe (Ebony), Kwesi, Nneka, Duvaughn (Blair), Shamyia (David), Kourtney, Elijah (Raven) Shamyia and Tamia.; 17 Great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.