



Helyn Patricia Cheeks

October 19, 1925 - February 28, 2022

Helyn Patricia Cheeks was born to Minnie and Frank Felder on October 19, 1925. She was born in Orangeburg, South Carolina and later moved to Ardmore, PA at the age of 13. Helyn attended the Lower Merion School System in Montgomery County, PA and Pierce Business School in Philadelphia, PA. She had been a resident of North Philadelphia, PA for over sixty-five years and later resided in Silver Spring, MD for the past six years with son and daughter-in-law. She was married to the late Robert Cheeks for thirty-five years.

Helyn worked for the City of Philadelphia in the Register of Wills for over thirty-years. During her tenure, she was a Probate Supervisor for seven years and a Chief Probate Clerk for over ten years. She was the first African-American probate clerk and the first African-American supervisor in the Register of Wills' department. She retired from the Register of Wills in 1989. After five years of retirement, Helyn returned to work for the Philadelphia School Board as a Real Estate and Property Tax Assessor. She retired at the age of 86 from the School Board in 2012.

Helyn became a member of the Democratic Party in 1955. She was secretary to the late State Senator Herbert Alene when he served as Ward Leader for the 47th Ward. She was a Committee Woman and later served as Ward Leader for the 47th Ward. She also was a member of the Philadelphia

Democratic Women's Forum. She dedicated over 60 years of service to the Democratic Party; where she worked the election polls; went door-to-door to encourage neighbors to register to vote, attended marches/rallies for civil rights and helped several people with employment placement, housing, and scholarships. She continued to be an active member of the Party and continued to provide voluntary service until 2016 when she moved to Maryland. While in Maryland she continued to provide advice and mentorship to the volunteers who called her during the time of elections.

Helyn was known in her neighborhood for her devoted service to the community and was well respected by anyone who met her. She was a faithful member of the African-American Episcopal Church and served as a member on the Trustee Board, the Choir and Financial Committee. Her passions included sewing, reading her bible, gardening, traveling and sports. She played golf as an adult for over 15 years and basketball in high school. She was very fashionable and loved to accessorize her outfits with beautiful hats, gloves, scarves, wallets, purses, and jewelry; it was a must for her to match everything from head to toe.

Prior to her homegoing, Helyn received dedicated and devoted support and service from Shanakay Rose, Sonia Walker, the staff at the Good Samaritan Assisted Living facility and staff at the Montgomery Hospice Care. The family is sincerely grateful and appreciative for all who took care of her and ensured her comfort.

Helyn Cheeks generously devoted herself to her beloved son Conrad, daughter-in-law Melody, 3 grandchildren: Quincy, Minneé, Jasmine and 3 great grandchildren: Zahir, Briaire and Kyhaire and a host of family, friends and associates.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center
7601 Sandy Spring Rd.
Laurel, MD 20707

Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Helyn Patricia Cheeks, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - March 04, 2022 at 02:10 PM

YJ

Mrs. Cheeks will be missed by family and friends. She was knowledgeable in many areas and did not mind sharing her point of view. Her interest ranged from politics to fashion. She was always adorned to perfection. She loved her family and was gracious with them. May she Rest In Peace. God bless the family.
Yvonne

Yvonne Jones - March 05, 2022 at 10:16 AM

SR

Mrs. Cheeks today is a very sad sad day for me as I was not able to say goodbye. Only because of school. Miss Helyen you know the love and care I have for u. They said when you lose someone you try to remember the last time you saw them. And most of the time it's a blurry memory, because at that time you had no idea it would be the last. Miss Helyen continued to rest in the bosom of Jesus arms. Sleep on my lady.

Shanakay Rose - March 08, 2022 at 11:29 AM

CA

What do you say about such a beautiful soul, always willing to give you, her time. I loved working with you. I loved listening to all of the stories of your life and of all of the things you have been through. I loved that you were such a strong woman way before your times. I loved all of your advice. I miss the way you would come to me and tell me stories. I love that you made a difference in so many people's lives. I loved calling you Mom. I will never forget all of the stories and advice you gave me. Thank you for being part of my life and sharing yours with me. So, rest easy Mom, until we met again.

Carol - October 30, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Helyn Patricia Cheeks*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

RW

“ *Greetings and God bless. I certainly do remember Sis. Helyn Cheeks. I was a member of her Church in North Philadelphia, AME Union Church for about 15 years. I do believe she was an over 50 year member. I was always delighted to see her when she was able to attend services, and I would also see her out and about at times in Center City when she was still employed. She is a beautiful spirit. My prayers and condolences to the family and loved ones. Until we meet again. Rev. Gloria Walker*

Rev. Gloria Walker - March 09, 2022 at 11:11 AM

SR

“ *Shanakay Rose lit a candle in memory of Helyn Patricia Cheeks*



Shanakay Rose - March 08, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helyn Patricia Cheeks.*



March 06, 2022 at 11:27 PM



“ *Rosalind Jones lit a candle in memory of Helyn Patricia Cheeks*



Rosalind Jones - March 06, 2022 at 11:24 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Helyn Patricia Cheeks.*



March 05, 2022 at 12:20 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Melody Watson - March 05, 2022 at 10:09 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - March 04, 2022 at 02:06 PM