

Sharon Roquemore - Obituary

On December 10, 1954, the world received a great gift when Sharon Louise Mays was born. To her mother, Endora Pratt (affectionally known as Momma Dora) all was right with the world. Born in Berkeley, CA, Sharon was raised, and spent most of her life, in Pasadena, CA along with her brother, John E. Pratt. Sharon attended Cleveland Elementary and Washington Junior High and graduated from Blair High School. After high school, she pursued studies at Pasadena City College.

In 1975, she married Michael Roquemore and to this union, God blessed Sharon and Michael with a precious daughter, Colette Michelle Roquemore. When Colette was young, she was involved in extracurricular activities and Sharon was just as active in supporting Colette and the teams. You could always find her cheering on the sidelines and assisting with whatever was needed. As the years passed, Sharon and Colette grew extremely close as mother and daughter, and ultimately as friends - and at any given time could be found singing and dancing their hearts out at concerts, traveling, or shopping in Downtown LA. On April 25, 1994, Colette bestowed upon Sharon her second biggest blessing by making her a "Nana". As her only grandchild, Kharon Jeré Roquemore-Vaughn brought her insurmountable joy, and they quickly formed a special bond. Getting barbeque and watching the LA Lakers became their thing and an intentional time they set aside for one another. In 2014 when Colette and Kharon relocated to Hawaii, Sharon would visit every Christmas. The three of them would spend their time going on hikes, listening to live music, and hanging out at the beach. Sharon loved the water!

During her 30+ year career with AT&T, Sharon took pride in the work that she did. She believed in fairness and equality which led her to serve as a union steward fighting for the rights of her co-workers. However, she maintained a good work-life balance. During this time, she could also be found serving in various roles and ministries at her church, Lincoln Avenue Christian Church. She was a good and faithful servant for many years as she sang in the choir, served on the usher board, and was a member of the Singles Ministry. She was outgoing, patient, kind, creative, a fashionista, a confidante, and a lover of people. She enjoyed making various craft projects which included party and holiday decor and lending a helping hand for local events. Most recently, she was taking line dancing classes at Loma Alta Park, where she could be free and dance like nobody was watching.

Sharon was called home to be with the Lord in the early hours of the morning on December 23, 2023. She was preceded in death by her mother, Endora Pratt; brother, John E. Pratt; and nephew, John E. Pratt, Jr.

Sharon leaves to cherish her precious memories, her daughter, Colette Roquemore; grandson, Kharon Roquemore-Vaughn; nephew, D. Edward Pratt; nephew, James Roquemore (Shermella); niece, Rhonda Roquemore; "soul sisters", Jean Brock Riggins, Barbara Jackson Polk, Robin Wright Welch; bonus daughters, Fontaine Handy Price and Cachet Mitchell, and a host of family and friends.