



Marsha S Reed

July 3, 1958 - November 20, 2012

Marsha Sydney Reed (Banks) was born from the union of Eugene and Lydia Banks on July 3, 1958 in Chicago Illinois, the last born of 12 other children. She is preceded in death by her parents and three siblings, Linda, Beverly, and Amoja.

Marsha attended Riley Elementary School and Thornwood High School where she excelled in academics, speech, and cheerleading. While in high school, she was an Illinois State speech champion in prose and represented Illinois in the U.S. Talented Teen competition, which took place in New York. Upon graduation in 1976, she was awarded a speech scholarship to attend Bradley University where she majored in speech and communications. She participated on Bradley's speech team and won numerous State and Collegiate awards for her prose and impromptu performances.

Marsha left Bradley after completing three years. She continued her education in Chicago at Loyola, Northwestern, and Governors State Universities. She worked full time at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists where she did marketing and event planning. She also worked as a benefits consultant at Golin Harris Actuarial Consultant Firm.

In 1984, she married her college sweetheart Peter Reed and lived in Chicago. In 1987, they moved to Hazel Crest where they started a wonderful family. From this union came two beautiful daughters, Ashley Marie and Erin Nicole. Marsha also acquired her real estate license. She worked as a real estate

agent at Century 21 Dabbs & Associates where she made many life long friends.

Marsha was a hands-on mother. Throughout her daughters' educational years, she supported their many activities including volleyball, speech, and student government. She was an active member of her daughters' school, St. Joseph, where she served as President of the School Board during that time. She also coached speech at numerous South Suburban high schools.

She was a loving and devoted mother, sister, aunt, and friend who spent endless time speaking on the phone sharing wisdom and life stories. She was a major influence in the lives of her siblings and relatives. She was a person of high moral character who insisted, "Do it right or don't do it at all." She loved traveling, entertaining, and visiting with family and friends.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, Peter Reed; daughters, Ashley Marie and Erin Nicole; five sisters: Cynthia, Gloria, Yemaya, Ava (John) and Debra; three brothers: Frederick (Melody), Kenneth and David; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 27. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Balagio's Restaurant
17501 Dixie Highway
Homewood, IL

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ So young...so full of life...shocking to find this ten years later. I met Marsha in 1972 in Miss Spiller's freshman English class at Thornwood...then in Mrs. Snyder's sophomore English....a theatre class...1976 speech team....

Mark Hershkovitz - October 17, 2021 at 02:30 AM

DA

“ I am so sad to hear this news. I send my condolences to her family. I decided to look up the agent that helped me find my first home 15 years ago. I want to look for more property so I thought I would go back to the real estate agent that was kind with patients during my four month search to find my dream home. I looked her up to connect and found this shocking information. She was smart and professional. I knew she had a passion for helping people. I'm so glad she talked me into purchasing a 3 flat over a single family home because it has turned out to be a true financial blessing over years. No one will probably ever see this 3 years after Marsha passing but she really had a positive impact on my life. God bless you Marsha Reed.....

Darnell - June 26, 2015 at 08:04 PM

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Darnell Palmer

Darnell Palmer - June 26, 2015 at 08:05 PM

TC

“ I just happened to run across this information that Marsha Banks (as I knew her in college) had passed away over 2 years ago. We both went to Bradley university- I was a year older. Marsha was a beautiful woman, inside and out, very smart. She was always laughing. Her nickname was Whooie. (I'm not sure how she spelled that). A lot of people called her that and I asked her why once. She replied she was a snappy dresser in high school and the guys would see her and say "Whoo-E!". Made me laugh. She was a good friend that I thought of often over the years. Nobody will probably see this 2 years after Marsha passed away, but my condolences to her family and I hope she is resting in peace.

Tim Collins
Class of 1979
Glenview, IL

tim collins - November 15, 2014 at 02:18 PM