

*"I'M FREE"*

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard him call,  
I turned my back and left it all  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of day  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch  
If my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief  
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

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*Acknowledgments*

*The Family of the late Sherry Crosby would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our well wishers and friends for whatever part you have played during our time of bereavement. Those expressions of love and gratitude will never be forgotten. Please remember to keep us lifted in prayer and in your thoughts to strengthen us for days ahead. May God bless and keep you in His loving care. Thank you.*

*—The Family of the late Sherry Toliver Crosby*

*Sunrise*

*March 21, 1947*

*Sunset*

*December 2, 2023*

# *Homegoing Celebration*

*for*



## *Sherry Toliver Crosby*

*Monday, December 11, 2023*

*11:00 A.M.*

**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH of SWISSVALE**

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Reverend Jacquelyn M. Lewis, Interim Senior Pastor

## Order of Service

### *Prelude*

*Processional ("A Song For Mama" - Boyz II Men)*  
*Clergy and Family*

### *Scripture Readings*

*Old Testament: Psalm 23*  
*New Testament: Revelations 21:3-4*

### *Prayer of Comfort*

#### *Selection*

*"Soon And Very Soon"*

#### *Condolences*

*Lori Calhoun*

#### *Reflections*

*(Two Minutes Each, Please)*

#### *Selection*

*"Take Me To The King"*

#### *Eulogy*

*Reverend Jacquelyn M. Lewis, M. Div.*

#### *Benediction*

*Interment at The Homewood Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

*Repast Served At The Promise Center of Homewood, Inc.*  
*7825 Hamilton Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15208*

In loving memory of

## Sherry Toliver Crosby

Sherry was born on March 21, 1947 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Isabel Martin and Jerome Hodges, both deceased. At age seven, she moved to Lackawanna, New York with her father and brother, eventually graduating from Lackawanna High School in 1964. She worked in the hospital at Lackawanna, New York as a Candy Striper and also held several other jobs in between. In 1967, she was married Samuel Toliver. From that union came her daughter, Adrienne L. Toliver. After moving back to Pittsburgh, she was employed at the now defunct Columbia Hospital in nearby Wilksburg, before working at the Giant Eagle Supermarket in Forest Hills as a Meat Cutter for years.

She met her second husband, Robert Allen Crosby, and from that union came daughter Renita Crosby-Bradford, (Edward) and son Brandon Allen Crosby (Amanda). Sherry went on to further her education and worked at PNC Bank where she retired after 30 years! She was a very hard worker and just couldn't stay home in retirement, and so she went on to work several other part-time jobs.

A dedicated and active member of the Union Baptist Church of Swissvale, Pennsylvania, Sherry was involved in a number of church functions, most notably she was a key member of both the Usher and Treasury Ministries.

Sherry was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved brother Jerome Hodges, Jr. and Daryl Hodges. She leaves behind her children, Adrienne, Renita, and Brandon; sister Sheba Hodges, brothers Warren Hodges (Rita), Douglas Hodges (Doreen), and Philip Hodges; grandchildren Brittany Grayson, Breawna Bradford (Javontay), Zhane Rhinehart, and Brandon Crosby Jr.; one great grandchild, Va'Niyah Rowe; and a host of uncles, aunts, and nieces; two brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law, and her best friend from Lackawanna, New York, Anna Wright Davis, as well as a multitude of friends she made along the way.