



SHEILA JOHNSTON

OCTOBER 26, 1940 - JANUARY 28, 2025

In Loving Memory of Sheila Johnston

October 26, 1940 – January 28, 2025

Sheila Johnston, beloved mother, devoted educator and radiant soul with a joyful spirit, passed away peacefully on January 28, 2025, at the age of 84.

Born in Willemstad, Curaçao, on October 26, 1940, Sheila was intensely proud of her Guyanese heritage. She was the cherished daughter of Ismay Miranda, who brought young Sheila to the United States in 1946. Ismay laid the groundwork for a rich and meaningful life—a foundation Sheila embraced and built upon with grace, determination and love.

Sheila pursued her education at Hampton University, where she developed her lifelong passion for teaching and music. As a dedicated educator for the New York City Board of Education, Sheila taught for 33 years, inspiring generations of students with her compassion, wisdom and unshakable commitment.

A talented pianist, Sheila also taught music, mastering her craft from high school through college. She was well known for her work with the Brooklyn Academy of Music and for giving private lessons—earning the affectionate title of “my piano teacher” from many neighborhood children whose lives she enriched with music.

In 1964, Sheila married Robert (Bob) Johnston. Together, they raised two sons, Robert and Christopher, who were the light of her life. With unwavering devotion, Sheila, Bob and her mother, Ismay, always put family first—creating a home filled with love, laughter, and resilience.

Sheila was the heartbeat of many gatherings—a fun-loving woman who cherished good friends, smooth jazz, elegant dining, and globetrotting adventures. Her presence brought joy and comfort, and her generous spirit left a lasting impression on everyone lucky to know her. Sheila loved to go anywhere with a beach and traveling around in her car.

Sheila Johnston’s legacy lives on in the countless students she empowered, the family she so deeply cherished—including her sons, her grandsons Robert S., Noel T., and her daughter-in-law Ayako—and the community she uplifted with her warmth and grace. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.



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