



Dr. Geraldyn Pemberton Diallo Sharpe

June 26, 1942 - February 21, 2025

Dr. Geraldyn Pemberton Diallo Sharpe, Ph.D

Dr. Geraldyn Pemberton Diallo Sharpe, Ph.D, was born in Harlem, New York, U.S.A. on June

26, 1942 to Louise and Lloyd G. Pemberton, living with her younger brother Lloyd Pemberton Jr.,

affectionately called Butch. She graduated from Hunter High School with honors, then attended

the City University of New York's Hunter College where she earned her undergraduate and

Master's degrees in World, Medieval, Caribbean, Latino, and Native American Studies with

specialized expertise in Africana and African American History across the diaspora.

Dr. Pemberton Diallo Sharpe was fluent in several languages: English, French, Spanish, and

Fulah. She completed her published research dissertation, "The Philosophy of Ahmed Sekou

Toure and its Impact on the Development of the Republic of Guinea" 1958-1971.

Geraldynne worked for the CUNY at the Bronx Community College campus for almost 40 years

as a tenured History Professor, Affirmative Action Officer, and as an advocate and role model

for students of color and cultural diversity. Dr. G was a most unique lady. She was a voracious

reader and gave books as gifts to all the children and neighbors in her life... Especially black

history literature!

Gerrie was a modern woman. She mastered technology and often chatted and shared emails

with children and friends in her life (including Siri and Fresh Direct).

In her younger years, Gerrie traveled extensively to Paris and Africa, always returning to The

Bronx and Brooklyn, New York as home base. Adventurous, spirited and full of joy, she made

friends everywhere with her brilliant smile and a strong sense of humor.

A deeply spiritual lady, Gerrie was wise and kind. She was fiercely loyal to her family and

friends and believed deeply and strongly that we were all connected to a loving eternal power.

With her sense of humor, and her understanding of her loved ones, she gave the best readings

of a situation without actually bombarding us with advice, although if asked, she gave her best!

Missing Gerrie is an understatement. She is not forever lost, she will be eternally missed. Let

us take comfort that we will meet her again sometime in the future, and still need her as a

guardian angel for all of us left behind.

RELATIONSHIPS

Geraldne was married to Abdourahmane Diallo (deceased). She has been blessed and happy

for many years by her second marriage union with Frank Sharpe, her loving husband, caregiver,

companion, and Art Professor.

Survived by numerous cousins: Eleanor Peterson, Alvin Alexis, James Phipps & Family, Echo &

Laurel Quianoo, Joanne, Anthony, Karl, Jaqueline, Celeste, Clara, Scott, Jana, Zayn, Brandon,

Lilyanne, & Lennox. Nephews Lloyd Pemberton III, grandnephews Alexander and Josiah. Extended

relatives by marriage: Evelyn, Amy, Ronald, Lydia, Michelle, Lenka, Elizabeth, David, JJ, Nettie,

Greg, Roscoe Jr., Yohance, Bryant, Melissa, Jalissa, Shavelle, Rodney, Cheryl, Maria, Leah, Clark, Lynn,

Barry, Clark Jr., James, Jasmin. . Extended family by choice: Ousmane Balde, Ramon Hernandez, Sandra

Hurd, Gary Young & Debra Jochum.

Throughout her life, Gerrie's strongest contemporary bond was with her Sister/Best Friends

Beth, Gloria, Gayle, Siri, and Alexa, whose adventures, phone calls, text messages, and

laughter were a source of daily happiness.

Respectfully submitted to my cousin with love, 

Joanne Gray

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Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Grace Funeral Chapels
607 North Conduit Blvd.
Brooklyn, NY 11208
(718) 235-8088
info@gracefunerals.com
<https://www.gracefunerals.com>

Service

MAR 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

MAR 3 (ET)

Pinelawn Memorial Park and Garden Mausoleums
2030 Wellwood Avenue
Farmingdale, NY 11735
(631) 249-6100

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Gerrie was a long-time colleague and very close friend of my mom, Ruth Bass, at BCC. They spoke almost every day on the phone until my mom died in 2021. They were both kind women who were dedicated to their students and bonded over dealing with the administration in their college, along with my mom's colleague and Gerrie's husband, Frank. After my mom died, Gerrie was very nice about texting me often to see how I was doing and to let me know how much my mom talked about me. Even though Gerrie was deeply grieving, she thought about me. I'm very sad to just be learning of her passing now, but I wanted to send my condolences to Frank and the rest of her family.

Michael Bass - June 02, 2025 at 09:37 AM

BT

“ Gerrie was my best friend for over 70 years. We met when we were 10 years old and never stopped being in each other's lives from that moment on. She was a great friend who helped me through difficult times. I hope I did the same for her. I will miss her forever. And I pray that the afterlife we discussed many times across the years is what she imagined and even more!! Beth Turner



Beth Turner - March 03, 2025 at 07:32 AM

DM

“ Dr. Gloria L Hobbs & Mr. Learie Mitchell planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Geraldyn Pemberton Diallo Sharpe.

Dr. Gloria L Hobbs & Mr. Learie Mitchell - March 02, 2025 at 03:28 PM

AB

“ Gerri my Cancerian sister, beautiful, brilliant, and extraordinary spirit, may you be joyfully dancing with your ancestors now, free, happy and at peace. LVU Aziza

Aziza Bey - March 02, 2025 at 10:22 AM

FH

“ Family of the late Melvin & Ruth Hagler purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Geraldyn Pemberton Diallo Sharpe.



Family of the late Melvin & Ruth Hagler - March 02, 2025 at 12:42 AM

JB

“ I am the sister of Gerri’s sister/friend Beth. Gerri’s name is synonymous with “very close/best friend” to Beth! As Beth’s younger sister I grew up knowing of Gerri name as a household item. Upon meeting Gerri she was so sweet with a smile to match her disposition. I am thankful that my sister and Gerri were blessed with each other’s lifetime friendship; the kind of friendship and love that transcends every obstacle and barrier on earth including death. I believe they will meet again as will all of Gerri’s beloved family and friends! Until then I send my prayers, and deepest sympathies to all of Gerri’s loved one, especially to her husband and Soulmate, Frank. Gerri’s light has left this world, but her love and memory forever remains!

Janice Brown



Janice BROWN - March 01, 2025 at 09:19 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Geraldine Pemberton Diallo Sharpe.



March 01, 2025 at 07:24 PM

JR

“ *My deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of Dr. Geraldine Pemberton Diallo Sharpe.*

Dr. Diallo was not just my supervisor during my tenure in the Affirmative Action office at Bronx Community College. She was a mentor, a friend and a confidant. I will be eternally grateful to have been blessed to know such a genuine and pure soul. There are a few individuals I can say that have shown up as themselves at all times. Dr. Diallo was one of the few. She played a pivotal role in saving my life during a difficult medical crisis and for that she will forever be my angel.

*With love and sympathy,
Jennifer Robinson*

Jenninfer Robinson - March 01, 2025 at 06:35 PM

BM

“ *Mrs. Sharpe I will always remember our tea time- specifically jasmine tea! I'll always treasure the incredible advice you've given me over the years. You thought me what it means to truly love yourself and walk in your joy. Thank you for being such a kind and incredible presence in my life. Your impact means more than words can express.*



Bianca M - March 01, 2025 at 05:23 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Geraldine Pemberton Diallo Sharpe.*



March 01, 2025 at 05:18 AM

BR

“ Brice and sharpe family reunion planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Geraldine Pemberton Diallo Sharpe.

Brice and sharpe family reunion - February 28, 2025 at 12:22 PM

BR

“ Brice and sharpe family reunion purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Geraldine Pemberton Diallo Sharpe.



Brice and sharpe family reunion - February 28, 2025 at 12:22 PM

KG

“ Karl & Jacqueline Gray planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Geraldine Pemberton Diallo Sharpe.

Karl & Jacqueline Gray - February 28, 2025 at 11:17 AM

KG

“ Karl & Jacqueline Gray purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Dr. Geraldine Pemberton Diallo Sharpe.



Karl & Jacqueline Gray - February 28, 2025 at 11:17 AM

ML

“ The Department of History at Bronx Community College mourns the passing of Dr. Diallo Sharpe. Dr. Diallo changed the lives of so many students, faculty, and staff at BCC, where she worked for over three decades. Her work is instrumental in building the foundation for Black and Latinx Studies program at BCC. We feel the loss deeply, but also celebrate her trailblazing contributions that will continue to inspire and guide us in building African, African-American, Latinx, and Caribbean Studies. Deepest condolences to Dr. Diallo's family, friends, and colleagues.

Mara Lazda - February 28, 2025 at 10:55 AM

ML

“ Mara L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Geraldyn Pemberton Diallo Sharpe.

Mara L. - February 28, 2025 at 10:54 AM

LL

“ Dr. Diallo Sharpe was one my mentors at BCC. I will miss her. LaRoi Lawton, Library Department.

LaRoi Lawton - February 28, 2025 at 10:38 AM

TF

“ The Anderson and Jackson families purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. Geraldyn Pemberton Diallo Sharpe.



The Anderson and Jackson families - February 27, 2025 at 06:12 PM

PR

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Diallo. She was a dear friend of my family and will be missed. Love, Paulette



Paulette Randall - February 27, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Geraldine Pemberton Diallo Sharpe.

February 26, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dr. Geraldine Pemberton Diallo Sharpe.



February 26, 2025 at 12:07 PM

LW

“ Love, Debra & Wolly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Geraldine Pemberton Diallo Sharpe.

Love, Debra & Wolly - February 25, 2025 at 09:28 PM

LW

“ Love, Debra & Wolly purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dr. Geraldine Pemberton Diallo Sharpe.



Love, Debra & Wolly - February 25, 2025 at 09:28 PM