

In Loving Memory of
Bernadette McBryde

Sunrise
April 22, 1954

Sunset
November 23, 2010



Friday, December 3, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.

FIRST CORINTHIANS BAPTIST CHURCH

1912 7th Avenue
New York, New York

Obituary

On April 22, 1954 a beautifully spirited bundle of joy, named **Bernadette**, was born to loving parents Barbara Payne and John McBryde. From the moment Bernadette took her first breath it was clear the Lord had blessed our family with someone special. Loving parents, Barbara and John, knew early on their baby girl was going to take the world by storm.

Bernadette obtained her education throughout the public school system. She attended schools in both Manhattan and the Bronx such as P.S. 125, P.S. 22 and Taft High School. Throughout her formative years, a confident Bernadette, realized very quickly English was her favorite subject. Whether in written form or in lively debates one thing was clear Bernadette had a way with words and made sure she was heard. Later on she used those skills and many others to aid her in successfully earning her GED. Once complete Bernadette swiftly entered the working world where she worked as a receptionist at the NRI Group, as well as, St. Lukes/Roosevelt Hospital as a medical billing assistant just to name a couple.

It was apparent Bernadette was a take charge woman but make no mistake she was also the life of the party. Regardless of which name you knew her by...Bernie, The Queen, or simply "B"...you knew she commanded attention when she entered the room. Vivacious, fiery, feisty, with a flair for fashion and the gift of gab only give you a glimpse of a woman who touched many hearts. Bernadette never shied away from telling you how she felt...even when it wasn't what you wanted to hear. Whether you were in need of a place to call home, a meal, a good laugh, someone to talk to or needed the warrior within her to stand by your side ready to do battle against anyone who crossed her path one thing was certain...when Bernie cared about you no one better mess with you. She understood there were no guarantees in life and thus lived her life to the best of her ability having fun, taking cruises, spending time with family and friends, enjoying music as loudly as she could and like us all made mistakes and learned from them. Bernadette was a loving, funny, kind hearted, strong-willed, giving woman with an infectious laugh who appeared tough as nails on the surface, but underneath, was as sweet as those delicious hams she made and so many of us crave. Say what you will but God knew exactly what HE was doing when HE sent us The Queen "B" a woman who loved us straight from the heart and now watches over us as our guardian angel.

Bernadette was also a devoted grandmother doing whatever she could to make sure her babies had everything they could ever want or need. Bernadette was a proud grandma happily ready to share the latest accomplishments one of her grand babies had achieved. The type of grandmother who attended all events and was the loudest in the crowd. Her love for all her grandchildren is and was unconditional.

Bernadette was surrounded by family and friends. Then there were those special relationships that brought her love, laughter, comfort and excitement. Dashawn first born grandson and light of her life success and you go hand in hand keep popping them bottles. Dazour first born granddaughter & the apple of Bernadette's eye go after your dreams with everything you got. Isayha who always made his grandma laugh and was Bernadette's heart keep being & doing your best. Greg a.k.a. Dixie to The Queen you were more like a brother and less like a cousin continue to hold down the fought. Sandy through thick and thin you were always loved. To Doris, Laverne, Adrienne and Gorgi through the highs & lows friends like you could not be more true. To my Atlantic City partners Roxanne & Cherise keep our tradition going and play a little extra for me.

On Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 11:00am Bernadette ended one journey to begin another. She leaves to mourn: daughters, Ericka, Selena & Iesha; son, Allen; loving partner Marci; granddaughters, DaZour & Dynasty; grandsons, Dashawn, Davonte, Isayha, Jaylin & Jeren; goddaughter, Teda; godson, Robert; adopted daughter, Simone; aunt, Joyce; sisters, Roxanne, Renee & Barbara; brothers, Rocky & Derek; brother-in-law, Efrain; cousins, Greg, Sandy, Wayne, Zakeya, Lil Wayne, Nechez & Sabrina; nieces, Cherise, Robin, Taniqua, KK, Shawnie, Christina, Latasha, Chanelle, Latisha, Sheema, Tiffany, Deiona, Chyna, Naiya, Hailey & Lea; nephews, Kareem, Nelson, David, Joey Keyshawn, Joseph & Jeremiah.

Order of Service



Processional

Scripture

Prayer

Acknowledgements/Reflections

Marci Redmond

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Roxanne, Renee & Barbara
(The Sisters)

Obituary

Shawntel McBride

Special Message

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Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional



Final Disposition

Woodlawn Crematory

Bronx, New York

To Those I Love

&

Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go

I have so many things to see and do

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears

Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess

How much you gave to me in happiness

I thank you for the love you each have shown

But now it's time I travelled on alone.

So grieve a while for me if grieve you must

Then let your grief be comforted by trust

It's only for a while that we must part

So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on

So if you need me, call me and I will come

Though you can't see me or touch me I'll be near

All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone

I'll greet you with a smile and say

"Welcome Home"

Submitted by loving sister Roxanne Carver

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation
and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.



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