

In Loving Memory

of

Joyce A. Donegan

Sunrise

January 10, 1932

Sunset

March 21, 2011

Sunday, March 27, 2011 - 4:00 p.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue
New York, New York 10027

Rev. James Bryant, Officiating

Obituary

Joyce Antony Fisher was born in Jamaica, West Indies on January 10th, 1932 to the proud parents of Cyril and Irene Fisher. She was the first of two children. Joyce migrated to New York in her thirties and settled in the borough of The Bronx. She went on to attend Cornell University where she met her husband, James Donegan, and shortly began a career in finance working at Merrill Lynch. She eventually left to pursue nursing at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital.

Aunt Joyce, as we affectionately called her, had a tough exterior but on the inside was a very loving, caring and compassionate individual. She was a dedicated caregiver for her own mom, Irene, for many years. When she needed extra help and had to enter Irene into a nursing home, Aunt Joyce would visit her mother every day and would make sure her concerns were “clearly and loudly” heard.

Aunt Joyce had a special bond with her one and only daughter Joan. She raised her tough, but that toughness created a strong bond to the point where when Aunt Joyce’s own health began to decline. Joan became that same dedicated caregiver that Aunt Joyce was to her own mom, Irene.

Aunt Joyce had a loving and adventurous relationship with her husband James. They met at a time when it was unpopular to be in an interracial relationship but they endured over the course of decades and this had a huge impact on the bond they built. Aunt Joyce’s fortitude and will was built in many ways and this moment in her life was a testament to the amount of strength and character she possessed.

Her compassion extended to strangers as well. Aunt Joyce was such an outgoing individual that she met and attracted all sorts of people from all walks of life. It was not surprising for her to introduce you to someone she had come to know at a bus stop, checkout line or even a laundromat.

Its not widely known, but Aunt Joyce loved to write and would write everything from regular journal entries to poems and even songs. She actually had a book filled with Gospel songs that she planned to submit for licensing.

Aunt Joyce touched many lives and will be missed by all she leaves to mourn: her loving and caring daughter, Joan; her three grandchildren, David, Kari and Anthony; her great-grandchildren, Tyler, Vincent Jr., Kevon, Leila and Mya; nieces, Lorna, Veronica and Natasha; nephew, Trevor; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Aunt Joyce, we love you, miss you “dawdin” and hope you continue to watch over us and give us. We love you “bigga than the world”!

Order of Service

Processional

Selection *“Amazing Grace”*

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

Psalm 22 & Psalm 23 Vincent Edmondson & Tyler Dawes

New Testament

Romans 6:32 Kevon Edmondson

Prayer

Selection *“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”*

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary David Dawes & Anthony Campbell

Eulogy Rev. James Bryant

Selection *“Precious Lord”*

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York



To Say Goodbye

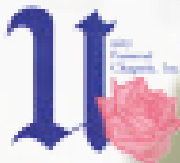
To say goodbye is not the end
To all my family and friends
For life goes on, you must endure
For my eternity is sure.
Remember all the good times
The memories we've shared
The precious jewels of laughter
The tender love and care.
I found my resting place
God's peace surrounds my soul
Let love abound in all your hearts
Let heaven be your goal.

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

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