

In Loving Memory of



Annette Rose DeSilva

Sunrise
November 12, 1961

Sunset
June 16, 2011

Wednesday, June 22, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH
1496 Commonwealth Blvd.
Bronx, New York

Obituary

Annette Rose DeSilva was born on November 12, 1961 in New York City. She was the youngest child of Lionel J. DeSilva and Olive DeSilva-Holmes. She was baptized in the Catholic Faith and educated at The Convent of the Sacred Heart School until graduating in 1979. She then continued her education at the University of Virginia, excelled and earned her B.A. in 1983. Upon graduating, she immediately began teaching and went on to earn her Master's in education in 1987. Her first teaching experience was in a Catholic school in lower Manhattan, and then went on to teach in various public schools throughout New York City. Annette also worked in standardized testing systems first, at McGraw-Hill and then working at America's Choice as a Consultant, where she developed many school curriculum standards. She also made lasting friendships while there.

In 1991, she met Victor Sanchez and through this union in 1994, they were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Marendi Iris. Annette found a passion for dance where she joined the Pat Hall Dance and Movement Community, where she continued to dance until her recent illness.

Annette leaves to mourn: her husband, Victor; her beloved daughter, Marendi Iris; her step-son, Victor, Jr.; her loving mother, Olive; two devoted sisters, Louise and Elizabeth; cherished brother, Lionel (Dede); step-brothers, Harold (Ann) and Kirby (Donna) Holmes; nephews, Omar and Jamel DeSilva and Christopher (Ysis) Serrano; a niece, Deanna DeSilva; great nephew, Ethan Serrano; mother-in-law, Ava Sanchez; two sisters-in-law, Gladys and Rachel Sanchez; her cousin, Janet Andrews of New Orleans, LA; her lifelong friend and sister, Joanne Jackson; as well as a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends.

A special thanks to all of her friends in the Dance Community who were diligent in their support and care of Annette, especially to Pat, Pam, Joseph, Marie, Belinda, Lissy, Bess and Domenica, and also Ronald and Ann all of whom we will always be eternally grateful.

Order of Service

Entrance	All
Blessing of the Body	Fr. John
1st Reading	Rachel Sanchez
Responsorial Psalm	All
2nd Reading	Donna Holmes
Alleluia	All
Gospel	Fr. John
Homily	Fr. John
Reading of Obituary	Janet Andrews
Reflections	Family/Friends
Flute Solo	Deanna DeSilva "Tears In Heaven"
Presentation of Gifts	Family
Our Father	All
Sign of Peace	All
Communion	Congregation
Musical Solo	Natalie Carter Prince "Steal Away"
Closing Prayer	Fr. John

Interment

Calvary Cemetery
Long Island City, New York

To A Friend

Although these things should have been said to you, I trust you will hear them with the clarity, sensitivity and love they mean to express as they are said for you. You were a woman, who displayed an unbounded courage and strength - for that we admired you. For your kindness and gentleness, we loved you. For your unconditional friendship, we'll miss you. It takes away a little of our sadness to know that your steps have risen from these dance floors to the gates of heaven, to God, we entrust your soul, to our memories we entrust your life. We are and always shall be your friends.



Pallbearers

Omar DeSilva	Jamel DeSilva
Christopher Serrano	Kirby Holmes
Julian Jackson	Jordan Jackson

Acknowledgement

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



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