

The Life, Love and Legacy of



Brenda Richardson

Sunrise

June 5, 1953

Sunset

December 28, 2011

Service

Saturday, January 7, 2012 - 1:00 p.m.

ROY L. GILMORE'S FUNERAL HOME, INC.

191-02 Linden Blvd. • St. Albans, NY 11412

Dr. Melvin Hall, Officiating

Bernice Watkins, Organist

Reflections of Life

Brenda Agatha Richardson, the second daughter born to the late Henry Aubrey Richardson and Pansy Mosley Richardson-Baskerville, was born on June 5, 1953 in Queens, New York. While Brenda spent most of her life in Queens, during her younger years, she lived with her family, for a short time, in the Bronx.

Brenda began her formal education in P.S. 112 in the Bronx. After moving back to Queens she continued her education at P.S 136 in St. Albans. During those years, Brenda attended religious instructions at St. Pascals Catholic Church. Her devotion to her religion was strong, that she thought about becoming a nun.

Brenda attended junior high school at J.H.S. 192. Brenda was a gifted writer. She entered an essay contest at school about fire prevention. Her essay won an award that was presented to her by the New York City Fire Commissioner. She continued her education at Andrew Jackson High School.

After completing high school, her love of learning spurred her on to take several continuing-education courses, earning certificates in accounting, bookkeeping, real estate and para-legal studies. She used this knowledge to explore a variety of employment opportunities.

Some of Brenda's career accomplishments include her para-professional responsibilities, working closely with children with reading difficulties, pinpointing problems, and solutions through exercises and tests. She also worked for the United States Post Office in Jamaica Queens, assisting the tour superintendent with scheduling, and data-entry.

Brenda was upbeat and enthusiastic about everything she did. She was an activist who always spoke up for the rights of others as well as her own. Brenda had a passion for justice and human rights. She fueled this passion by working as a legal secretary for Attorney Thornton J. Meacham in New York City. If Brenda saw an injustice, she thought nothing of writing letters, and even showing up at her local congressman's office. She did not hesitate to speak up for herself or for others.

Brenda's heart was as wide as the globe. She gave selflessly to others. During the time she was with her significant other, Ray, who preceded her in death, Brenda enjoyed entertaining and having a good time. She made you feel welcomed when in her home.

To know Brenda was to love her. And it was easy to love Brenda, because she loved many things: her family, her friends, to sing, to dance, to learn, to share, to laugh. Boy, did she love to laugh. Brenda was loyal and she stood strongly for what was fair and just. If you had any doubt, just try her. But as strong and firm as she was in her convictions, she was sweet and gentle with her care and concern. If you wanted anyone to stick up for you or to fight for you, or if you wanted someone to listen to you and to understand you, you sought out Brenda---because you knew she'd never give in and she'd never give up.

Brenda was independent and courageous. The lyrics of the song "My Way" popularized by Frank Sinatra reflect the spirit in which she lived her life.

Brenda Richardson departed this life suddenly, on December 28, 2011. She leaves to mourn and cherish her memory: her loving mother, Pansy Richardson-Baskerville; her stepfather, Robert W. Baskerville Jr.; her caring and devoted sisters, Marie T. Richardson-Smith, Laura A. Richardson-Smith; her step sister, Dawn M. Baskerville; her nephews, Earl J., Henry Smith and Christopher Harris; her aunt, Theresa Price; her cousins, Michael Price and wife Janice; Daniel Price and wife Stacey; Crystal, Briana, Gabriel Price; and a host of godchildren, "adopted" family, colleagues, and friends.

Order of Service

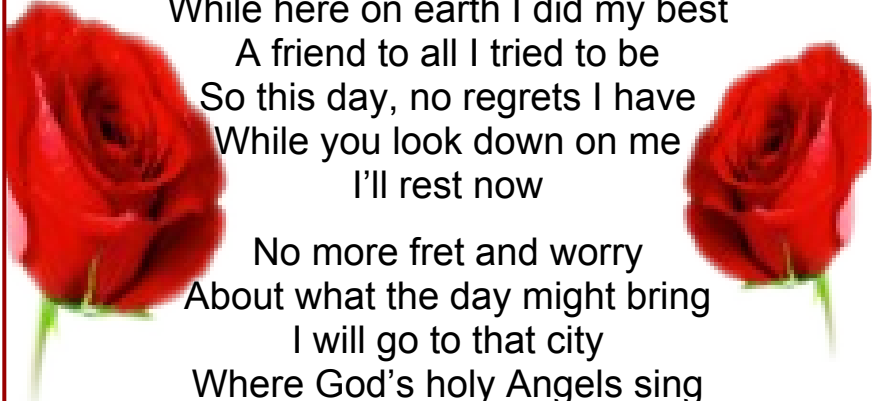
Processional	Dr. Melvin Hall
Opening Prayer	Dr. Melvin Hall
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament Psalm 121	Laura Smith
New Testament John 14: 1-6	De Loris Glenn
Hymn	"Blessed Assurance"
Acknowledgement of Condolences	Marie Smith
Solo	"I Believe"
Obituary	Marie Smith
Remarks <i>(2 minutes each please)</i>	
Solo	"I Did It My Way"
Eulogy	Dr. Melvin Hall
Prayer	Dr. Melvin Hall
Closing Hymn	"When We All Get To Heaven"
Committal	Dr. Melvin Hall
Benediction	Dr. Melvin Hall

Final Disposition

Fresh Pond Crematory
Middle Village, New York

I'll Rest Now

No more sorrow will be mine
No more burdens must I bear
No more heartache shall I endure
Weighted down with earthly cares
I'll rest now



While here on earth I did my best
A friend to all I tried to be
So this day, no regrets I have
While you look down on me
I'll rest now

No more fret and worry
About what the day might bring
I will go to that city
Where God's holy Angels sing
I'll rest now.

Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness
shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

May God Bless and Keep You!

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