

*In Loving Memory of*

*Sunrise*

October 9, 1954

*Sunset*

April 22, 2012

*Deborah A. DeBerry*

*"Beloved Monggy Poo"*

Service

Saturday, April 28, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

**ST. LUKE'S AME CHURCH**

1872 Amsterdam Avenue • New York, NY

## Obituary

**Deborah Ann DeBerry** was born in Manhattan, NY to the proud parents of Clifton and Dorothy Winbourne on October 9, 1954. She was the only child.

Deborah attended high school at Washington Irving located in New York. Upon graduation from Washington Irving, Deborah attended Baruch College.

She met the love of her life Larry DeBerry while they both began to work at New York Presbyterian Hospital on February 1, 1971. A month later they began dating and have been together ever since. Deborah and Larry joined their lives in holy matrimony on January 15, 1977.

From their love Deborah and Larry had Larry Dwight Jr. on March 23, 1982 and six years later Gloria Lorraine who was born on August 10, 1988. While raising Larry Dwight Jr. and Gloria Lorraine, Deborah graduated from Baruch in 1990 with her Bachelors of Science in Computer Science.

Deborah began working for the Metropolitan Transit Authority in the late 1970's. She retired from the MTA as a Supervisor at the end of October 2010. She was a member of St. Luke's AME Church located in Manhattan, NY for over forty years. Deborah was a part of the youth choir the Voices for Christ. She was also a member of the steward board. Deborah was an assistant director of the board of Christian education at St. Luke's AME and also the assistant class leader since 2001.

Deborah was a giving, kind, loving, patient and selfless woman. Her greatest hobby was to raise her children and see them succeed. Deborah did have many other hobbies such as reading the bible and other books, watching Jeopardy, The Wheel, and Family Feud. She also enjoyed playing with her cats while on Facebook.

Deborah has enriched and touched the lives of everyone she has met. Words can not describe how she will be missed. We love you and miss you everyday and with every breath we take.

She leaves to mourn: her mother, Dorothy; her eternal love and husband, Larry Sr.; her children, Larry Dwight Jr. and Gloria Lorraine; her stepdaughter, Keisha; daughter-in-law, Regine-Valerie; and all of her family and friends including her cats Kiddles and Boots.

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*





## Psalm 23

*The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.*

*He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family wishes to thank everyone for their condolences and best wishes during our time of bereavement.



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