

In Loving Memory of



Janice Adams

April 19, 1942 - January 19, 2014

Service

Friday, January 24, 2014 - 11:30 a.m.

Whigham Funeral Home

580 Martin Luther King Blvd.

Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Janice Adams, 71, of Newark, NJ passed away on Sunday, January 19, 2014, at Care One Madison, Morristown, NJ after a long illness.

Janice was born on April 19, 1942 in Newark to Evel and Elizabeth Bessie Twine Adams. Preceding her in death were her parents and her brother Lawrence. She leaves to mourn her passing, cousins William & Gail Mitchell, Vernice Peters, Pat & Mike Pearyer, Donald Twine, Sr., lifelong friend Angela Piegari, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Janice was a graduate of Central High School, Newark and New Jersey City University, Jersey City, where she received her B.A. in Social Studies Education. She taught in Newark, NJ for many years in both the junior and senior high school level. She began her teaching career at Webster Junior High School where she taught History. She then taught at the high school level including Weequahic and Barringer High School from which she retired. Janice also received certification as an acupuncturist and did her practicum in New York City. She was very active in community organizations working for tenant rights for many years.

Janice was a physically active young woman enjoying basketball, tennis, fencing, bicycling, and hiking. She was also known to go rifle shooting with her then boyfriend Steve.

Janice had many interests including all facets of the arts. She worked in clay, sewed, knitted, and collected paintings, sculptures, jewelry, wall hangings, and photography from a variety of artists. She had a great eye for design which enabled her to assemble and display art work in a creative, balanced manner. Her good eye for design flowed into her personal appearance which made her a striking figure. Over the years her image changed with the times but always with her personal and original touch.

Janice's interest in the arts extended to music, dance, the theater, movies and literature. She was especially fond of jazz having been surrounded by friends and acquaintances in the field. Over the years she attended jazz clubs and concerts in all venues. More recently she enjoyed going to Shanghai Jazz in Madison to hear the music and share the evening with her friends and sometimes family. She was a fountain of knowledge in the field of jazz as she loved the music. But she was not restricted to jazz as she loved soul music, folk music, classical and pop. In fact, she and some friends went to the original Woodstock Music Festival in 1969. In her younger years she could dance the night away to her favorite music. Janice also had a lovely little singing voice which she demonstrated singing karaoke late into the early hours of the morning with a friend. Regarding her love of movies, Janice enjoyed years of attending a movie class with her close friend where they saw movies before release and the actors, directors, producers would join in a discussion with the group.

Janice was a very politically aware woman with definite egalitarian views. She fought for political causes she felt deeply about, supporting candidates for office, going on marches for women's rights, equal rights for minorities, worker's rights as well as tenants' rights. She attended rallies and lectures and took classes to further explore her interest in these areas.

Janice also knew how to enjoy life as she traveled extensively over the years. She visited her friend several times in Columbia. She traveled the United States with friends many times at different points in her life. She also traveled the European continent with friends. One of her biggest ventures was her trip to Ghana in the late 1970's with a group. She spent the summer there and it was for her a transformative experience. She worked with youngsters in the outskirts of major cities seeing first hand the poverty that children and their families endured. She was touched by it and pictures of her there display her tenderness and understanding.

While Janice never married she had at least two long term relationships with men she cared deeply for. Each relationship provided her with different experiences, some very happy ones. Although she had been living alone for the last thirty some years she shared an active social life with her family and friends.

Janice never had children of her own but she enjoyed spending her professional life with her students for whom she had great empathy.

Janice was a bright, talented, unique woman who touched the lives of so many people. She will be missed by all of them.

Order of Service

Prelude

Prayer Reverend Brooks

Solo.....DeBorah White

Cards/Resolution

Remarks by Family/Friends

Life Story Angela Piegari

Solo.....Myesha L. Price

Eulogy Reverend Brooks

Recessional

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park
1900 Galloping Hill Road
Kenilworth, NJ 07033

Repat to follow burial at
Galloping Hills Golf Course
3 Golf Drive
Kenilworth, NJ
908-686-1556

*For those who wish to donate
in memory of Janice
American Diabetes Association
P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312
(800) 342-2383*

Remembrance

You can shed tears that she is gone,
or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes
and pray that she'll come back,
or you can open your eyes
and see all she has left.

Your heart can be empty
because you can't see her,
or you can be full of
the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow
and live yesterday, or you
can be happy for tomorrow
because of yesterday.

You can remember her
and only that she's gone,
or you can cherish
her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back,

Or you can do
What she'd want:

Smile, Open Your Eyes,
Love and Go on.

Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to express their appreciation and
sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them in
their time of sorrow.*

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