



In Loving Memory of

Irene Anthony

Sunrise

February 5, 1945

Sunset

June 6, 2014

Service

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF ASCENSION

211 West 107th Street • New York, NY

Obituary

Irene Anthony was known to me as Big Auny. I have chosen to remember her legacy as a woman who gave unconditionally.

Born February 5th 1945, Big Auny was the second oldest among four sisters. She married Francis Anthony at the age of sixteen (1/8/1960). This marriage resulted in two sons, Peter and Jimmy.

What I can always remember about both Big Auny and Tony Uncle is that although they had two biological sons, they thought of us, the Victor children, as their own children, supporting us, scolding us, and making sure that we had a childhood that was full of memories of play and field trips. These are memories that I hold dear as they helped shaped me and the value I place on family. Big Auny was the organizer of these trips, be it to the Bronx Zoo or to Six Flags Great Adventure, arranging the food, organizing everyone, all the while including the children in this process, which looking back is a rare occurrence. During these trips she was always the one making sure that everyone was happy, that there was enough food, and that the experiences were full of laughter and joy.

She was a woman with a big heart, displayed her thoughts, good and bad. This made her a force. She had judgments and opinions about the world around her. Ultimately, you knew what you were getting with Big Auny, a woman, who was straight laced as well as hot tempered and compassionate. In having a big heart, she gave unconditionally, but also voiced out when she felt hurt. I admired this about her, her ability to call things as she saw it, but also be one of the first people to offer support when the need arose.

In trying to come to grips with losing her, these cherished memories of a vivacious personality, full of spice and compassion are what is helping me move onward. I think she would have asked of all of us to remember this, and not that she is gone. Memories of her both good and bad, have helped shape our lives with her and these memories are what we have now to support our moving forward. We have lost a loving, caring person today. A woman who has affected all our lives in ways that words cannot do justice, I know that she is in a better place, with her soul mate, her husband Francis.

Order of Service

Greeting of The Body

Opening Song:

Open Prayer:

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm: Sung

Alleluia: Sung

Gospel/Homily: Fr. Kearney

Prayer of The Faithful:

Offertory Song:

Preparation of The Gifts:

Eucharistic Prayer:

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song:

Closing Prayer:

Final Commendation:

Closing Song:

Interment

St. Raymond's Cemetery
Bronx, New York

The Joy of Unselfish Giving

Time is not measured
by the years that you live
But by the deeds that you do
and the joy that you give -
And each day as it comes
brings a chance to each one
To love to the fullest,
leaving nothing undone
That would brighten the life
or lighten the load
Of some weary traveler
lost on life's road -
So what does it matter
how long we may live
If as long as we live
we unselfishly give.

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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