

A Celebration of The Life of
Wanda Alexander

February 18, 1951 – March 27, 2015



Saturday, April 4, 2015 - 1:00 p.m.

WOODY “HOME FOR SERVICES”

163 Oakwood Avenue
Orange, New Jersey 07050

Reverend Cassandra Mateo Burton, Officiating

Obituary

Wanda Lucille Mateo was born on February 18, 1951 to the late Gwendolyn (nee Rogers) and William Rolos Mateo in Orange, NJ.

Wanda attended the Orange Public School system and graduated from Orange High School in 1969. During high school, she met Kevin Alexander whom she married in 1970. Of that union, Che' Santana Alexander was born.

After graduation, Wanda worked in the pediatric office of Dr. John Alexander as an intake clerk. She enjoyed the interaction with the clients and their children. Even years later, many remembered Wanda and approached her at social gatherings to introduce themselves, now grown adults.

After doing temp work for a while, Wanda found a home working at Drew & Rogers in Fairfield, NJ. Wanda served as the office receptionist, a job she greatly enjoyed since it put her front and center. She loved talking to clients and made lifelong friends with co-workers.

Upon retirement, Wanda began to enjoy the many activities offered to seniors by the City of Orange and Essex County. She attended luncheons, informational seminars, and many other events offered.

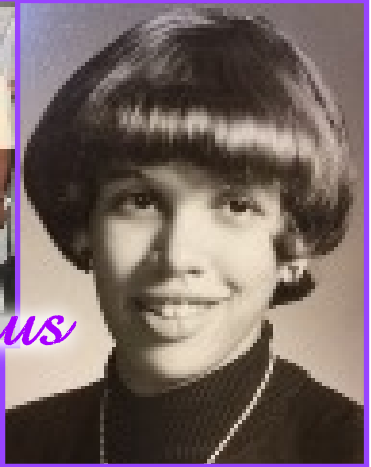
Wanda was also active in the Washington Dodd Street Tenant Association, eventually serving as president.

Wanda knew practically everyone in Essex County. She could not go to a concert, festival, parade, downtown Main Street, mall, or restaurant without Wanda running into someone she knew. On the rare occasion she did not know anyone, she would quickly start up a conversation with a complete stranger. On the way home she would proceed to tell us their life story.

Wanda is survived by: her son, Che' Santana Alexander (Elizabeth). Lovingly known as "GG", she is also survived by the two loves of her life, Shantel Renee (Mookie), who Wanda raised since birth and was like a mother, and Tatyanna Letecia.

The fourth of six siblings, Wanda is also survived by: her sisters, Reverend Cassandra Burton (Malachi), Gwenda Barnes (George), Linda Moore (Kenneth); brothers, William R. and Gregory C. (Janis) Mateo; uncles, Charles Rogers (Cleo) and Jack Rountree; brother-in-law, Robert Alexander, Esq.; sister-in-law, Sandy Wright; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and many, many friends.

Wanda will be greatly missed by many.





Order of Service

*OFFICIANT: REV. CASSANDRA MATEO BURTON,
RECTOR, CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CLINTON MARYLAND*

MUSICAL PRELUDE

SEATING OF FAMILY

ECCLESIASTES CHAPTER 3:1-6CHARLES ROGERS

SOLO.....TYRONE DUNLAP

23RD PSALM(IN UNISON)

FAMILY TRIBUTES.....SHANTEL ALEXANDER,
BRIAN MOORE, KAYLAN MOORE

PROCLAMATION.....CITY OF ORANGE

READING OF THE OBITUARY.....ROBERT ALEXANDER, ESQ.

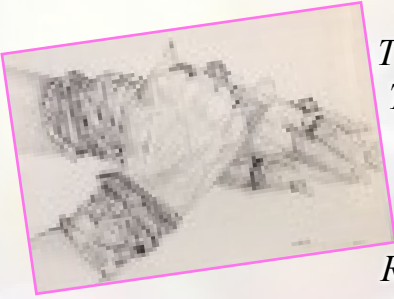
SOLOTYRONE DUNLAP

EULOGY.....REVEREND CASSANDRA MATEO BURTON

RECESSIONAL

Cremation
Held Privately

To Say Goodbye



*To say goodbye is not the end
To all my family and friends
For life goes on,
you must endure
For my eternity is sure.
Remember all the good times
The memories we've shared
The precious jewels of laughter
The tender love and care.
I found my resting place
God's peace surrounds my soul
Let love abound
in all your hearts
Let heaven be your goal.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to thank all who have extended support for, spoken a kind word to, or done some act of kindness during their time of bereavement. May God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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