

Michelle A. Allen

Sunrise: July 16, 1960

Sunset: April 13, 2017

Service Thursday, April 20, 2017 - 12:00 Noon UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC. 2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

<u>Obituary</u>



Michelle Antonia Allen of Harlem, New York returned to her heavenly home on April 13, 2017. Her devotion to her mother, brother and daughter and her firm belief in God supported her in her struggle and ultimately gave her peace.

Michelle was born to Ethel Bligen and JP Jenkins in Oxford, North Carolina on July 16, 1960. Michelle was a loving, caring, outspoken woman who loved to dance, knit and read. Most of all she loved spending time with her only daughter, Shekema

who she often reminded "you only have one mother".

After moving to New York City at an early age, Michelle was educated in the NYC school system. She loved her years at Martin Luther King High School and later attended BMCC. Her career began in the financial industry but she found her calling in the health care industry. Michelle dedicated her life to serving others which was reflected throughout her work life. She was a hard and dependable worker.

Michelle was blessed with a large and loving family. She leaves to mourn: her mother, Ethel; brother, Gregory; daughter, Shekema; fiancé, Herbert; future son-in-law, Dean; uncles, James, William (Marie), Tenny (Hattie), George, Herman (Kim) and Marshall (Carol); aunts, Florine, Yvonne (Quincy) and Mazie; and nephew, Sharod. Michelle thought of Ynette (Boo-Boo) as her sister and Malik and Mekhi as her loving nephews. Along with Deborah, Douglass, Robin and Rhonda they all treasured their special bond as family. She valued her relationship with her sister-friends, Cheryl, Claudia, JoAnne and Gia; and long-time friends, George and Tyrone. Michelle will be missed by a host of relatives and friends.

"*Mother & Daughter*" – It's a special bond that spans the years. Through laughter, worry, smiles and tears, A sense of trust that can't be broken, A depth of love sometimes unspoken, A lifelong friendship built on sharing, Hugs and kisses, warmth and caring "Mother and daughter, their hearts as one – A link that can never be undone.

Michelle's presence was so strong and extensive with her passing, one more light has been extinguished from our lives. But our grief is tempered in knowing that she is free of her earthly pain and suffering. We are comforted in our faith that a loving and benevolent God has received Michelle into His loving care.

<u>Order of Service</u>

Processional

Comforting Prayer & Scripture Reading By Dorothy Haskins

Selection

Acknowledgements – Cards & Condolences By Troy Nelson

Tributes Friends & Family (limit 2 minutes please) Deborah Harris

> **Obituary** By Michael Simmons

> > Eulogy

Committal

Recessional

Interment

Kensico Cemetery Valhalla, New York





God Saw You Getting Tired

God saw you getting tired, When a cure was not to be. So He wrapped his arms around you, and whispered, "come to me." You didn't deserve what you went through, So He gave you rest. God's garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best, And when I saw you sleeping, So peaceful and free from pain I could not wish you back To suffer that again.

> Submitted by The Allen Family

Pallbearers Darren Anderson Donnell Allen Malik Simmons Mekhi Simmons

Flower Bearers

Tiffany Nelson Tiffany Thompson Taishay Thorpe

Acknowledgement

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

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