

In Loving Memory of



A portrait of Mary Elizabeth Rhodes, a Black woman with short dark hair, wearing a white V-neck shirt and a gold necklace. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a soft, hazy purple field of lavender flowers. In the foreground, there are large, vibrant purple roses and more lavender sprigs, framing the portrait.

Mary Elizabeth Rhodes

Sunrise
December 3, 1953

Sunset
August 12, 2026

Service

Thursday, August 27, 2026

Viewing: 10:00 AM

Service: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Order of Service

Processional

Selection

“Optimistic” - Sounds of Blackness

Scripture

Rev. Rasheed Baird

Prayer of Consolation

Rev. Rasheed Baird

Selection

“Looking for you” - Kirk Franklin

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

“Celebrate Me” - Ingarose

Eulogy

Rev. Rasheed Baird

Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Nassau Knolls Cemetery
Port Washington, NY

Obituary

Mary Elizabeth Rhodes, affectionately known as "Jean," was born on December 3, 1953, in Prattville, Alabama, to the late Ella Mae Williams and Dillard Powell.

On August 12, 2026, at the age of 72, Mary gained her wings and entered eternal rest.

Mary was a woman who was full of life, love, and joy. She had a heart of gold and a beautiful spirit that made her special to everyone who knew her. She loved to dance, laugh, spend time with the people she loved, and most importantly, enjoy life. One of the places she enjoyed going was 17th Street, where she could have a good time and make memories.

Her greatest accomplishment in life was being a mother and grandmother. Mary took great pride in raising her children, loving them unconditionally, and always being there for her family. She believed in family and showed her love through her presence, her heart, and the countless ways she cared for those around her.

Mary attended and graduated from Boys and Girls High School in Brooklyn, New York.

Mary also found fulfillment through her career in hospitality, where her warm personality and caring nature allowed her to connect with others.

Mary was preceded in death by her beloved husband, the late Cordell Rhodes; the late father of her children, Anthony Session Sr.; her beloved child, Malissa Session; her beloved nephew Lamont McLamb and her beloved brother, Robert Williams.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory her children, Kimberly Ella Session and Anton Jeremy Session Sr.; her grandchildren, Isiah Lamont Session and Anton Jeremy Session Jr.; her siblings, Terry McLamb, Gail McLamb, and Bernadette McLamb; along with her beloved nieces, great-niece, nephews, cousins, extended family, and many dear friends.

Mary's life was a gift, her memory a treasure, and her love will remain in the hearts of her family forever. Though she is no longer physically with us, the laughter she shared, the love she gave, and the memories she created will never fade.

Forever Loved • Forever Missed •
Forever in Our Hearts

*"Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day."*





Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

May God Bless and Keep You!

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