In Loving Memory of

Vanna Allen

Sunrise
August 30, 1940

Sunset
April 24, 2016

Saturday, April 30, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey
I was born in Branchville, SC on August 30, 1940. Gotcha! All those that just read this “age is nothing but a number” for me until my first cancer, no one believed and many still didn’t believe how old I really am. I’ve always marveled at myself as others have, I love to dress and look good for myself, not to keep up but just to be myself.

Upon leaving South Carolina, I was brought to Brownsville where I remained until having to leave so that Van Dyke Houses could be built. We relocated to King’s Borough 7 walk and then back to Brownsville. Throughout my years, I’ve resided in New Jersey but always made my way back to Brownsville where I was an Brownsville Old Timers participating in numerous activities such as old timers day and many other events. My final resting place, my home in Henrico, Virginia.

I attended P.S 150 for grade school, JR High 178 and 109, then The High School for Fashion Industries, which added to my fashion style. Graduating with a Bachelors of Social Work (BSW) from Rutgers College. I continued my professional life as a Social Worker where I enjoyed the involvement in assisting others. With a motto “if I can’t help you, I will try not to hurt you” and that I’ve always lived by.

I was preceded in death by my parents, Willie and Bernice Allen, my only sister, Bert (Birdie) Lee Hodge, two younger brothers, Willie Jr. (Pete), Charles (Sherman) Allen, niece, Michelle Hodge, and my beloved daughter, Precious Kelly Scott.

I am survived by: my best friend, my beloved husband, Kelly Scott; many love ones, my aunts, Violia, Edna, and Vi; cousins, Loretta, Silvia, Glenn, Robyn, Darryl and Glorious; grandsons, Kyier DeBose and King Grant; godson, Ivon Tionne Crayton; nephews, Kareem Tony Hodge, Michael Hodge, Rahiem Nijid Allen and Maleke Griem; nieces, Monique Hodge, Celeste Murdough, Ayisha Allen, Makeba Griem and Keya Griem; great nieces, Antonique Soares, Keiara Hardy, Keiana Hardy, Krystal Hodge, Moena Allen, Christina Williams, Kayah Hodge, Lyric Griem and Nyla Allen; great nephews, James Hodge, Brandy Phillips, Kareem Hardy, Nyeem Newsome and Maleke Griem, Jr.; great-great nieces and nephews, Marcquis Hodge, Kareem Hardy, Jr., Avyonna Phillips, Nasir Foreman, Autumn Phillips and Adrian Phillips; nieces and nephews through marriage, Maira Hodge, Seria Allen, Gonzalo Suazo, Jr., and Devon King; my in-laws, Joe Scott, Flora Scott and Rena Carter; brother and sisters-in-law, Catherl/Janey, Sylvia, Sterling, Loretta, Michael, James, Eleanor, Margareat, Frankie, John Danielle and Manny; niece-in-law, Venus McKnight; step children, Renee “Buffy”, Andre Williams, Maalikah “Shell” and Nikita; and a host of amazing friends.
Order of Celebration

Processional.................................................................The family

Call to Worship

Prayer of comfort

The Holy Scripture Readings............................Gonzalo Suazo, Jr.
   Old Testament: Psalm 23

Ministry of Song...............................................Chantuol Roberson

Ministry of Dance....................................................Krystal Hodge

Reflection from Family and Friends

Ecumenical Remarks

Acknowledgements and
Reading of The Obituary.................................Maalikah "Shell"

The Eulogy..................................................Bishop Gerald G. Seabrooks
   Senior Pastor, Rehboth Cathedral

Benediction.............“Going Up Yonder”.........Chantuol Roberson

INTERMENT
Rosedale Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey
“You can go through life and make new friends every year, month, or day - but there was never any substitute for those friendships of childhood that survive into adult years.”

- Vanna Allen

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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