

## <u>Obituary</u>

**Yvonne Dykes** was born on November 14, 1962 to Mary Louise Rowson and James W. Batts. She was raised in Brooklyn, New York and was the eldest of five siblings. She grew up in a tight-knit family.

Yvonne was educated in the New York public school system and was a graduate of Franklin K Lane. Immediately after graduation she started what would become her lifetime career at IAC (formerly known as Ticketmaster). Where she was loved and highly respected, making lifetime friends along the way.

Although her IAC career was quite an achievement, her greatest achievement was the birth of her son, Kwesi Akema Darius Nisbett on March 7, 1993. Her dedication and unshakable love was evident in her care and provision towards her son, who she admired, loved, and was steadfast in advocating for the best care possible. There was no limit to her love.

Yvonne met and married the love of her life, Dahaba Sowe on May 29, 2016. Though their union was short lived it could be easily witnessed by all that they shared an abundance of love and mutual affection that radiated around them like a beautiful rainbow. Dahaba was the final piece of the puzzle to complete Yvonne's circle of love

This love extended to her family and friends. To know Yvonne was to love Yvonne. Her kind and loving unique spirit radiated wherever she was. Her reputation proceeded her wherever she went. She had a heart of gold and touched everyone in a special way. Her generosity through thought, deeds, and acts of kindness was second to none. She was truly unforgettable.

Yvonne was called home on Friday, February 3, 2017. She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, Dahaba Sowe; her son, Kwesi Nesbitt; her mother, Mary Rowson; her 2 sisters, Bernadette Lee, Cynthia Mentus (David); her 2 brothers, James. W. Batts and Anthony L. Batts; along with her Aunts, Uncles, nieces, nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

## Order of Service

## Evangelist Carolyn Harley, Officiating Reverend Dr. Ronnie Felder, Eulogist

Processional
Prayer of Comfort
Choral Selection
Scriptures
Hymn"Every Praise to our God" (Yvonne favorite song)
Solo
Tribute to YvonnePraise Dance by, Quintin Reed, Aniya Taylor
Expressions
Acknowledgements
ObituaryAnnette Slaughter
SoloFelicia Thompson
Choral Selection
Charge to the family
Reflections from Nephew
Solo
Eulogy
Parting View
Recessional



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Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

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