

*In Loving Memory of*



*Brenda Elizabeth Mulrain Allen*

*Sunrise: November 11, 1947*

*Sunset: November 18, 2017*

**Service**

**Friday, November 24, 2017 - 12:00 Noon**

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

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## Obituary

*Brenda Elizabeth Mulrain Allen* was born to Charles and Elizabeth Mulrain on November 11, 1947 at Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx. She was the baby of the family and preceded by Charles, John and Phyllis.

Now growing up, she loved to sleep. If you were looking for her, she would be in her bed...sleep. She liked music and loved to dance, especially to Latin music. She would dance till her feet hurt. She also loved to travel and loved the beach. She had lots of friends.

She attended Alexander Burger Junior High School for three years and then graduated from Jane Adams Vocational High School in June 1966. She also attended Bronx Community College for a short time. She studied to be a nurse. In 1966, Brenda started working for The New York Telephone Company. 35 years and 3 mergers, later, she retired in 2001, as a Verizon Employee. Now that's loyalty. Her co-workers became another family.

On November 29, 1975, she married Herbert Allen, Jr. Their union produced a son, Brendan Allen.

She found church homes at Harlem Tabernacle, Bethel and the Worship Center to name a few. She loved God, spoke to Him frequently and was a devoted Christian. Her church family became another extended family, full of friends.

If you met Brenda, it affected your life. She had such a smile. She was loved by all who had the pleasure of meeting her.

In 2012, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She never wavered during the difficult time, without missing a beat, "God got me". She became a cancer overcomer. This made her stronger. She did her best to educate others on breast cancer awareness and help them through their journey. In October 2017, she found out the cancer had returned. On November 18, 2017, she transitioned on from her physical form to a new journey. She leaves behind: her son, Brendan; her brother, Charles; her sister, Phyllis; her sisters-in-law, Julie and Saffa; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

May you Rest In Peace, Love and Blessings, the way you lived your life.

# Order of Service

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*Selection*

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*Trinity Mausoleum  
New York, New York*

# *I'm Free*

*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*

"For I know the plans, I have for you: Declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

## *Acknowledgement*

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

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