

Homegoing Celebration for



Linda Darnell De Jesus

Sunrise: October 11, 1948

Sunset: July 12, 2018

Saturday, July 21, 2018

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Service: 11:00 a.m.

GREATER ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

2365 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Pastor Pamela Bryan, Officiating

Obituary

Linda DeJesus was born on October 11, 1948 in Harlem Hospital to the late Martha Cottrell. Linda was educated in the public school system of New York City. At a young age, she showed a flair for fashion and decorating. Linda attended The High School of Fashion Industries and Baruch College for interior design. While using her education working at B. Altman luxury department store in 1966, she met and fell in love with her husband, Rodney DeJesus. They were married until he preceded her in death on October 11, 1997.

Linda was a God-fearing woman who was “baptized” by her cousin, Melvin Cottrell at an early age. Years later, she was formally baptized and joined Friendship Baptist Church in New York, NY. She later became a member of Community Baptist Church in Englewood, NJ on August 22, 2010.

In her professional life, Linda worked at The Hospital for Special Surgery from 1985-2016. Much of her tenure was with Dr. Edward Athanasian, whom she considered family.

In her personal life, Linda’s home was always filled with love, laughter, and joy. She frequently entertained on holidays, especially Christmas, by providing food, fun, and card games. If you were in her home on Christmas, there was a gift for you under her beautifully decorated tree. Traveling all over the world with friends and family was a favorite pastime of hers. You could find her on a cruise, in a casino, or on an island. When she was home, Linda never stopped expressing her passion for fashion and decorating. She frequently used her creativity for friends and for herself. All she needed was an idea or theme. One crucially important thing to remember is that Linda was fiercely protective of her family. She made sure everybody she loved was alright.

Linda was preceded in death by her beloved mother, Martha. She leaves to rejoice in her memory: her children, Monica (Walter), Desiree (Tramar), and Desmond (Shanyse); her four grandchildren, Keith, Latif, Tanaesja, and Mia Rose; two great-grandchildren, Keith Jr. and Kimberly; sibling-cousins, John and Naedean; and a host of other cousins, family, and friends.

Order of Service

Final Viewing

Family ProcessionalOrganist

Opening Hymn“Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of ConsolationPastor Bryan

Scripture Selections

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament - John 14

Solo “Let the Work I’ve Done Speak For Me”
Maria Jennings

AcknowledgementsDorothy Jones

Reflections (Two Minutes)

ObituaryDorothy Jones

Musical Selection“Every Praise”
Maria Jennings and Organist

EulogyPastor Bryan

Family Recessional“I’ll Fly Away”

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

In Tears We Saw You Sinking

*In tears we saw you sinking
And watched you fade away.
Our hearts were almost breaking
We wanted you to stay.
But when we saw you sleeping
So peacefully and free from pain
How could we wish you back
To suffer that again?
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home*

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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