



*Celebration
of Life
for*



Monique Paula (McDonald) Williams

Sunrise
November 12, 1971

Sunset
December 21, 2018



Reflections of Life

Eulogy for Monique Paula Williams
November 12th, 1971- December 21st, 2018

Monique Paula Williams, affectionately known as “Mo”, was one of five children born to Michael and Gloria McDonald. She attended Free Hill Primary School in Free Hill, Jamaica. She was a good student however she would miss time at school due to complications of the sickle cell disease. She was diagnosed with this disease early in her life. Mo also attended church in Free Hill along with her siblings and cousins.

Her mother Gloria worked hard to relocate her family into the United States of America. Mo migrated to America when she was nine years old with her siblings. Mo’s new residence was in Paterson, New Jersey. One of the first things she did upon entering the country was to attend church at the True Witness Church of Jesus Christ, where her mother Gloria was a member. Mo continued her education at Public School Number Twenty-six, where she was a good student however, like in Jamaica, she would miss school time to time because of her illness.

Mo had a very engaging personality which helped her to make friends quickly. She went to the infamous Eastside High School Paterson with her twin brother Maurice also known as Paul. Less than one year after graduation Maurice was tragically killed, leaving behind his infant son Christopher whom Monique would later take in as her own.

Though Mo dealt with issues within her own body and the devastating loss of her brother, she was determined to have a great attitude about life. Despite her disability, she eventually found employment at New Jersey Transit in Newark. She loved her work and her fellow employees loved her. Her job gave her the independence she sought as a young woman coming into her own!

During this peak Mo met and married Peter Reid. She became pregnant however the baby did not survive. The doctors’ recommendation was for Mo to cease her attempts to get pregnant because the risk for her and the baby were too high, yet Monique persisted. She was a fighter. She was determined. Not too long after that, she gave birth to her daughter Tiffany. Tiffany was the love of her life. Her true pride and joy. Tiffany gave her more of a purpose to live.

She dealt with a lot of adversities however she persevered through them all. She endured the ending of her marriage to Peter and soon the sickle cell disease affected her kidneys causing her to be put on dialysis. Through this grueling treatment, Mo became confined to a wheelchair and was no longer able to work. Complete turmoil soon took over when her mother Gloria departed this life from her own health complications.

Monique showed her true resilient spirit when she married Richie Williams. A husband who selflessly took care of Monique despite her declining health. Her caretakers at the dialysis place would ask Mo many times to share her testimony of how she kept a good attitude and positive outlook being near the end. As the years progressed, Mo would still provide what she could to others including caring for loved ones' young children from her wheelchair. She gave the gift of unconditional love to everyone she touched.

In her final days, Monique’s husband Richie was at her side to comfort her. Monique transitioned into paradise on Friday, December twenty first two thousand eighteen. She is survived by her husband Richie, daughter Tiffany, father Michael, brothers Phil, Ricardo and Devon, nephew Christopher, other loving nieces and nephews, sister Joan, aunts and uncles, in-laws and friends Selaunje and Shimette.

Monique will be greatly missed by many but she has left a legacy of love, passion, persistence and perseverance to be lived on in each and everyone of us she has touched.

Saturday, January 12, 2019 - 8:00 a.m.

TRUE WITNESS CHURCH

377 Hamilton Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey

Order of Service

Processional

Congregational Hymn “How Great Thou Art”

Opening Prayer Elder Redway

Old Testament - Psalm 24 DeLia Farquaharson

Selection Choir

New Testament - Rev. 21:1-6 Shanice Parkinson

As I Knew Her Sis. Shernet Palmer

Selection

Reflections of Life Devon and Ricardo McDonald

Tribute Richard Williams - Husband

Sermon Bishop Llwelyn Mitchell, Sr.

Closing Hymn “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Recessional

Interment

Fair Lawn Cemetery
22-21 Maple Ave., Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Monique Paula (McDonald) Williams** 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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