

Celebrating The Journey Of

*Adelaida Ghirawoo*

*Dawn*  
*July 31, 1969*

*Greater Dawn*  
*January 31, 2019*



*Friday, February 8, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.*

**Woody “Home For Services”**

163 Oakwood Avenue  
Orange, New Jersey 07050

*Pastor Paul Dean, Officiating*  
*Myron Smith, Organist*

## Obituary

From Brick City, Newark NJ, to The City of Oaks, Raleigh NC, Adelaida Ghirawoo sprinkled her contagious smile. And oh! What a smile.

The daughter of predeceased Delia Velez and Angel Mercado, she is affectionately Tuta. Adelaida was born on July 31, 1969 in the City of Newark, NJ. She passed into another life on January 31, 2019 at the age of 49 years at her residence in Raleigh, NC.

Adelaida was a Catholic in her formative years but transformed into Christian-Evangelical in her middle to latter years. Living in West Orange, NJ for more than 15 years, she attended Visions of God Worship Church, Pastored by Paul and Sharon Dean, where she served in the nursing ministry. During this tenure she worked as a teacher at the JCC MetroWest.

Along her awesome journey she migrated to Raleigh, NC in 2015 and continued being impactful in the lives of kids with learning, social and physical challenges, at Learning Together. Adelaida held membership with the Raleigh North Christian Center under the stewardship of Dr. Jeffery Chapman. Her prayer, worship and thanksgiving lives were scorchingly ablaze. Marinating in the Word was her daily bread while also loving her children and grandkids.

Tuta had an affinity for Middle Eastern and Mediterranean cuisine and fashion. Nature was her peaceful abode and she unraveled that in NC. Adelaida made super cool voice-overs of foreign accents which were outrageously hilarious.

Adelaida Ghirawoo, beloved as Tuta, is survived by her Husband Chris Ghirawoo; Children: Tiara Holmes, Imani Beckett, Nyree Williamson, Nyla Velez-Mack and Jahsir Velez; 6 grandchildren; Sisters: Judith Rios, Alice Velez , Rosemarie Velez, Diana Weislo, Aida Elliott, Delia Ramos, Norma Velez, Nancy Johnson, Lisa Day and Dolores Mercado; Brothers: David Velez, Edwin Velez, Angel Velez, Efrain Mercado, David Donovan and Randy Mercado; Adopted Mother Dr. Cathy Sauls; Best Friend Deion Quallis; and many friends, families and relatives too numerous to mention.

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Myron Smith

Hymn of Comfort.....“Amazing Grace”

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Paul Dean

## Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalms 91

New Testament - Romans 8:1-4

Slide Show..... “Greater is Coming” - Jekalyn Carr

Acknowledgements.....Nyree Williamson

Obituary.....Chris Ghirawoo

Eulogy..... Pastor Paul Dean

## **Interment**

*Rosehill Cemetery*

*Linden, New Jersey*

*Immediately following the Interment family and friends are  
invited for a repast at*

*The Leagues Inc.*

*405 - 425 University Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey 07102*

# *A Name for Names*

She called her car Greylen  
And Lanye Gammus  
Her husband is Guino  
A lot of names  
And names upon names

Her surgeon became BabyFace  
And the oncologist The Man  
One doctor was Cutie Pie  
A name for laughs  
Some names cut in half

Her son is Macho; grandson Pucho  
There's Pudgy Butt and even Olito  
The neighbor is Amiga  
Name for names  
Play names on names

Puchilanga, Trebiling, Putee  
Pancho, Bowyoyo, Chango  
Cocoa and Changalanga  
Chilindina and Apples  
Naming new names  
Forever those names

She called Tiara- Tiara  
What  
We need a name  
Some very name

Build a name; let's go  
Let's go see a name  
Tuta is her name

By  
Tiara Holmes, Imani Beckett, Nyree Williamson, Nyla Velez-Mack, Jahsir Velez  
2019

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Adelaida Ghirawoo** thanks all of you for your many expressions of love, sympathy, and prayers so graciously extended. Thank you and may God continue to wonderfully bless all of you.

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