

A portrait of Laverna Wilson-Arroyo, a woman with dark hair styled in an updo, wearing a black turtleneck and large hoop earrings. She is looking slightly to the right. The background is a warm, golden glow with several lit candles and a bouquet of white flowers on the left side.

In Loving
Memory
of

Laverna Wilson-Arroyo

Sunrise: August 25, 1959

Sunset: March 11, 2019

Memorial Service

Saturday, March 23, 2019 - 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

ELMENDORF REFORMED CHURCH

171 E. 121st Street • New York, NY 10035

Pastor Patricia A. Singletary

Remembrance

*To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under The Heaven. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)*



Laverna Wilson-Arroyo was born on August 25, 1959 to the late David and Clemmie Wilson. Laverna was educated in the New York City Public School System at Benjamin Franklin High School and went to further her education at Wilberforce University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Education and later became a Special Education teacher for the New York Department of Education.

On September 20, 1998, Laverna married Michael, the love of her life. They began their twenty year union of love and selflessness. Throughout the twenty years, they were inseparable; it was rare to see one without the other until she gained wings on March 11, 2019 and was called home by our Lord and Savior.

Laverna was affectionately known to her family and friends as "Sister" or "Coco". Laverna was a woman who held many titles. She was a loving wife, a woman who honored GOD, a role model, and nurturer to all she came into contact with. Laverna was funny and could put a smile on anyone's face. She also enjoyed being around kids so much that in order to continue to see a smile on their faces, she became "Coco the Clown". This joyous alter ego lasted nearly thirty years and many generations.

Becoming Coco the Clown encouraged her to put her hat into acting. She traveled to many cities with different theatrical companies doing plays and shows which inspired her to later become a Drama Teacher for the NY Board of Education. Also, unbeknowing to many, she was a successful model and D.J., bringing joy to many through her music.

Laverna Wilson-Arroyo leaves to cherish her memory: her devoted husband, Michael Arroyo; niece, Davina Wilson; nephews, Devon Wilson and Ebijah Arroyo; goddaughter, Shaina DiGordno; sister-in-law, Taryn Phillips; brother-in-law, Victor Arroyo; the Wilson Family, the McGregor Family, and the Williams Family; best friends, Diane Hanton and Tracey Mackey; and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

Submitted by the Loving Family

Order of Service

Pastor Boyce Landrum, Presiding Elder

Processional.....“He Has Done Great Things”

Congregational Hymn.....“Amazing Grace”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - Revelation 21:1-7

Prayer

Selection.....Voices of Praise/Divine Praise
Featuring Deacon Anthony Canty

Resolutions/Acknowledgments

Reflections.....Tracey Mackey

Remarks.....Family and Friends (Two Minutes Please)

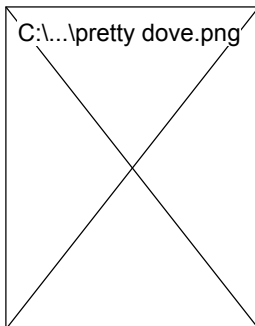
Obituary.....Diane Hanton

Selection.....“God Is”
Voices of Praise/Divine Praise

Eulogy.....Pastor Boyce Landrum
The Greater Love Refuge Ministries, Co-op City Bronx, NY

Committal.....Pastor Boyce Landrum

Recessional





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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