



Celebrating The Life of

Paula Andrea Merricks-Lewis

Sunrise

March 20, 1963

Sunset

March 16, 2019

Service

Saturday, April 6, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.

ST. DAVID'S ANGLICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

117-35 235th Street

Cambria Heights, New York 11411

The Very Rev. Dr. J. Mastine Nisbett, Officiating

Phyllis Fibleuil, Organist

Obituary

Paula Andrea Merricks-Lewis, 55 years old, died on Saturday, March 16th, 2019, at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx, New York, with her family by her side.

Paula was born on March 20th, 1963 in Kingston, Jamaica to parents Winston and Pansy Merricks. She immigrated to the United States, in October 1977. She graduated from North Rockland High School and attended Mount Saint Mary College, in Newburgh, and graduated in the class of 1985. She held various positions in many Medical institutions in New York City. Her last position held was a HIV Grant Manager at New York Presbyterian Hospital in Washington Heights, New York for the last 13 years.

Paula was dedicated to God, family, friendship and service. She realized the value of personal development and education in her life and supported and encouraged it in others, which led her to be a constant supporter of “Children of Jamaica Outreach” (COJO). COJO supports the educational efforts of the children of Jamaica.

All that knew Paula would agree her beautiful smile and big brown eyes would light up a room. She was slow to anger and quit to forgive. She was an admired and valued employee and coworker, and a loving friend, who will be missed, greatly.

She is survived by Parents Winston and Pansy Merricks; Siblings Paul, Beverley and Yvonne; Cousin Maxcell Jr.; Aunts Barbara, Joyce, Shirley; Uncles Leslie, Curlew; Nieces Dominique, Darlene, Olivia; and Nephews Anthony Michael, Brandon, and many cousins, great nieces, great nephews. Additionally, she will be mourned by other family, many friends and co-workers.

Order of Service

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Organ Prelude

Opening Sentence

Opening Solo “That Name” Olivia Handforth

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First Lesson John 3: 16-21 read by Karen Jimenez
Psalm 91: 1-8, 14-16 read by Joselyn Cabrera

Second Lesson . 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 read by Justin Handforth

Hymn Just As I Am

The Gospel John 14: 1-6

The Homily The Very Rev. Dr. J. Mastine Nisbett

The Apostle’s Creed B.C.P. pg. 496

Prayers of the People B.C.P. pg. 497

The Peace

Hymn Every Praise is to Our God

Eucharistic Prayer B.C.P. pg. 361

Communion Hymn It Is Well With My Soul

Post Communion Prayer B.C.P. pg. 498

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Recessional Hymn Joyful, Joyful

Interment

Pinelawn Memorial Park
Farmingdale, New York

Pallbearers

Paul Merricks	Anthony Merricks
Michael Merricks	Maxcell Squire Jr.
Justin Handforth	Brandon Handforth

Don't Quit

by

John Greenleaf Whittier

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.
Life is strange with its twists and turns
As every one of us sometimes learns
And many a failure comes about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow—
You may succeed with another blow.
Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell just how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit

Acknowledgement

The Merricks family wishes to express their deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow.

**Arrangements Entrusted to the Merricks Family and
Pastor Gale Dingwell, of Ridgecrest Baptist Church.**

