

Celebrating The Life of
Jewel Ann Darden

January 22, 1961 ~ August 26, 2019



Saturday, September 21, 2019
Service of Thanksgiving: 11:00 am

Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church
2381 New Hackensack Road, Poughkeepsie 12603
Pastor Jody Spiak, Officiating
Stephen Siktberg, Organist

Order of Service

Prelude.....Stephen Siktberg
Hymn: Here I am to Worship.....Program
Welcome.....Pastor Jody Spiak

Opening Prayer

God of tenderness and peace, Be with us this morning as we gather to reflect on our calling to be ministers of comfort and support in our communities. Fill us with hope in your power to heal and to save. Look kindly on those who mourn at this time and all those we lift up to you in remembrance. Give us peace today and always. We ask this in the Spirit, through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn.....The Lord's Prayer (pg. 271)
Scripture: Isaiah 40:28-31.....Tiffany Fidler (Niece)
Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17.....Paul Alexander (Cousin)
Hymn.....Oh Jesus I Have Promised (pg. 396)
Scripture: John 20: 11-16 Sybil Barnett (Aunt)
Sermon.....Pastor Jody Spiak
HymnJoyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (pg. 89)
Eulogy..... The Honorable Mrs. Justice
Carol Lawrence Beswick (Cousin)
Wolmerian Tribute.....Jewel's Classmates
Family Tribute.....Paula-Kay & Wendy Beswick
Remembrances
ScripturePsalm 23 (pg. 137)
Prayer of Committal.....Pastor Jody Spiak

Hymn..... The Strife is o'er The Battle Done (pg. 306)
Benediction.....Pastor Jody Spiak

Obituary

Jewel Ann Darden née Fidler was the second child and only daughter born to Keith and Yvonne Fidler. Growing up in Kingston, Jamaica, Jewel enjoyed a close family life and received a quality education. At her alma mater, Wolmer's High School for Girls, she enjoyed many escapades with her "posse" who became lifelong friends.

Jewel moved to the United States in 1981 and married Kurt Muschett. This union produced two sons - the loves of her life, Kraig and Kevin. After her divorce from Kurt, Jewel met and married her soul mate, Edward, and shared many years of wedded bliss. Jewel became a grandmother in 2010 when Sierra Lynn, her only grandchild, was born. Sierra Lynn shared a special bond with Jewel and had her undying love.

Jewel loved family and took the mantle of hosting the annual Thanksgiving dinner since 1997 along with her beloved mum, Cherrie. It was a tradition she continued even through the challenges of the deaths of her mum, uncles, brother and husband in the span of one year.

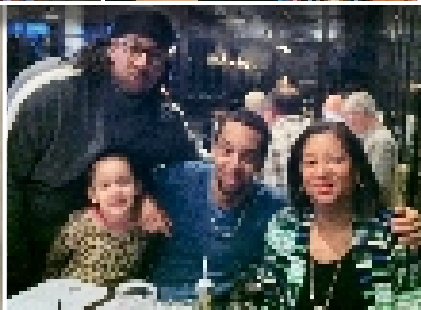
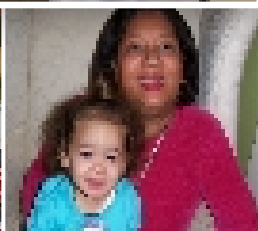
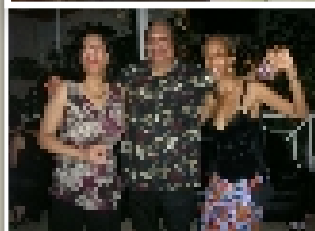
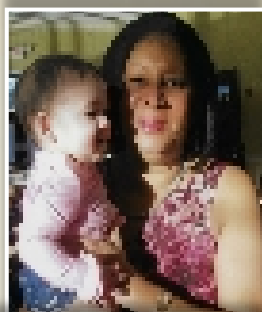
Jewel enjoyed a successful career in banking for over 30 years. She started as a teller and retired as Vice President of Banking with JP Morgan Chase. Jewel's quiet strength, engaging personality and ability to listen and provide objectivity, earned her the respect of her colleagues, family members and everyone with whom she interacted. Jewel was not just considered to be a colleague, an acquaintance, or a relative - she was a true friend and a bona fide sister.

She had a passion for music. Her favorite genre was 80s soul. Casual listeners and music connoisseurs alike were in awe of her music collection and her knowledge of the artistes. A simple visit, drop by or passing through became a party where there was music provided by our local DJ Jewel along with dancing, eating, drinking and lots of merriment.

Ms. Jews, Mummy, Mum-Mum, Auntie Jewel, Jewelie, Jewel, DJ Extraordinaire, will be missed dearly by sons Kraig and Kevin, Kraig's partner Nicole, granddaughter Sierra Lynn, father Keith, sister Kamla, uncle Courtney (Val), aunt Sybil, sister-in-law Novlet, granduncle Roy, grandaunt Babs, cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts, other family members and lifelong friends.

A glass of red wine, a host of newspapers, 80s music will be just some of the constant reminders of Jewel. Her passing has left a void and she will always be missed.

Precious Memories





Here I Am To Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes and let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You
Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
Altogether lovely, altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me
King of all days, oh so highly exalted
You're glorious in heaven above, yes You are
Humbly You came to this Earth You created

All for love's sake became poor
Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
Altogether lovely, altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin up on that cross
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She is Gone

David Harkins

You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of love that you shared
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday
You can remember her and only that she is gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she would want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.



A portrait of a woman with dark, wavy hair, wearing a white top and a necklace. She is smiling and has her hands raised in a gesture of prayer or blessing. The background is a soft, out-of-focus purple and pink with bokeh light effects.

"Say not in grief 'she is no more' but live in thankfulness that she was"
— Hebrew Proverb

Acknowledgement

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation for the love, kindness and thoughtful gestures that have been bestowed upon them during this time of bereavement.

May God Bless You.



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