



*In Loving
Memory
of*

Silvia D. Alvarez

Sunrise
December 22, 1933

Sunset
May 12, 2020

Service:
Thursday, May 21, 2020 - 10:00 am

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME
4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466
Fr. Peter Pilsner, Officiating
Ernest Billups, Organist

Obituary

Silvia Damaris Alvarez was born on December 22, 1933 in Chiriquí, Panamá to Martina Alvarez. She migrated to New York City later in life and worked at the Metropolitan Museum of Art until retirement.

Silvia was a faithful servant of the Lord who stood strong in her faith to the end and loved her family and friends deeply. She was a dedicated member of the Immaculate Conception Church who actively participated in the St Martin de Porres League and the Ladies Guild.

Silvia took her last breath May 12, 2020 in the Bronx, NY at the age of 86.

She will be remembered for her world class cooking (especially her famous pineapple upside down cake), impeccable fashion sense, sweet spirit and ready smile. She gave love freely and shared her kindness and warm heart with everyone she encountered. To know her was to love her and be loved by her.

Silvia is preceded in death by her son Rolando McNeil and her sister Chonga Alvarez.

To celebrate her life, Silvia leaves behind her sisters Beatriz and Nivea, children Brenda (and her husband Noell) and Manuel (and his wife Mignon), grandchildren Jamal, Kenny, Travis, Omar, Alexis and Enrique, and great grandchildren Evan and Alaina.

Order of Service

Service to be led by Fr. Peter Pilsner

Hymn
“How Great Thou Art”

Old Testament
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11
Psalm 23:1-3, 4, 5, 6

New Testament
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel
John 16:16-20

Homily

Reflections

Hymn
“Lord I Lift Your Name On High”

Interment

Kensico Cemetery
Valhalla, New York

A funeral is scheduled for 10am May 21, 2020 at McCall's Bronxwood Funeral Home. All are welcome to virtually attend and celebrate Silvia's life at <https://mccalls.net/> and clicking 'Live Streaming.' The family would like to thank all her caregivers for their care and dedication.

I'm Free

**Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I've found now peace at the end of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things, I too will I miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
don't lengthen your time with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now – He set me free.**

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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