



Celebrating the Life of
Ritiis Terry

Sunrise
January 11, 1971

Sunset
June 8, 2020

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 - 12pm

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Obituary

On January 11, 1971, **Ritiis Lynette Terry** was born to the late Gwendolyn Terry and Walter Ruffin. Ritiis was born in Harlem Hospital and resided at 223 West 134th Street. Ritiis was the baby and baby girl of the four children.

Ritiis attended P.S. 175, John Phillip Sousa Junior High and Jane Addams High School. As a child Ritiis was little and cute but she was also strong minded and determined to do things her way. Ritiis was very close to her siblings, Chauntee, Sean and Walter, who was nicknamed Bop, but she was joined to her big sister Chauntee's hip. Chauntee took Ritiis everywhere with her. She also had lots of childhood friends. But her two closest friends were Aviva Wilkes who went home to be with the Lord and Keesha Graham. After high school, Ritiis worked various jobs until she had her handsome son, Glenn Jr. She moved to the Bronx and resided there for several years. Wanting change, Ritiis relocated Upstate. There she met her daughter's father and out of that union beautiful Gianni was born.

Yearning for family, Ritiis moved back to the Bronx where she did volunteer work at Lincoln Hospital. She also worked as a Home Health Aide. After years of courting her, Ritiis began dating Naim Dunn. They were together for four years.

On June 8, 2020 after suffering from Kidney Disease, the Lord took Ritiis home. She will truly be missed, especially by her siblings.

She was preceded in death by her father, Walker Ruffin and mother, Gwendolyn Terry.

Ritiis leaves to celebrate her life: her son, Glenn Howard, Jr.; daughter, Gianni Morel; grandfather, Earl Terry Sr.; long time companion, Naim Dunn; sister, Chauntee Jackson; two brothers, Sean Terry and Walter Terry; two uncles, Earl Terry, Jr. and Stanley Terry; six aunts, Lillian McDaniel, Dolores Terry, Geraldine Terry, Josie Terry, Wanda Mangrum and Joan Pender; two nieces, Ashley Terry and Nevaeh Terry; five nephews, William, Wendell and Waidell Jackson, Ashton Terry and Sean Terry, Jr.; and a host of cousins and friends.

**** Ritiis you were special to us and you will always be in our hearts
Love your cousins, LaSean, Cynesia, Felicia, and Randy Jr.**

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings
Old Testament - Jeremiah 29:11
New Testament - Hebrews 11:1

Prayer

Selection
“You Thought I Was Worth Saving”
By William McDowell

Acknowledgements

Remarks

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“The Word”
By Brian Courtney Wilson

Eulogy

Committal

Recessional

Interment
Mt. Hope Cemetery
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.



Acknowledgement

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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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