

Celebrating the Life of

A portrait of an elderly Black woman with short, dark hair, wearing glasses and a white top with a large, light-colored necklace. She is smiling slightly. The background of the entire card is decorated with large, soft-focus pink roses. A thin black crosshair is visible in the background.

Juanita Council

Sunrise
July 22, 1944

Sunset
August 9, 2020

Friday, August 21, 2020
Viewing: 9am - 10am / Service: 10am

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Obituary

Juanita Council, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend, passed before the dawn of August 9th, 2020 in The Bronx, New York, from her brief battle with cancer.

Juanita was born and raised on July 22, 1944 in Augusta, Georgia to Paul and Gertrude Oatman. She grew up alongside her siblings, Dot, Garfield, Robert Lee, Berinese, Elouise and Pauline. She then moved to Chicago before finally settling in The Bronx. She was a homemaker and Homecare Advisor before retiring as a Nurses Aide for the New York Foundling.

Juanita lived for the company of family and friends. Every party and every gathering Juanita was the center and you were guaranteed great food, lifelong memories, and a lot of laughs. During these times, many witness her avid love for a wide range of music. From Billie Holiday, to Lee Morgan, to Snoop Dogg, her love of music's effectiveness to life her spirits radiated to others that were in her presence.

Juanita is survived by: her spouse, Calvin Williams; her children, daughters, Sheila, Lisa and Fatima; sons, Robert Jr., Eddie and Torise; and her many grandchildren, Jennifer, Fatima, Kyasia, Wyasia, Myasia, Zyasia, Kayla, Chase, Dynasty, Coby, Maurice, Monique, Nas, Dazour, Maurice, Angel, Jason, Robert III, Michael, Sharif, Davon, Densel, Daysha, DeSean, Caleb, Idres, Amirra, Tyrean, Benigno and Frederick. We also include survival through her great grandchildren, Randall, DeSean, Unique, Spencer, Lloyd, Maurice Jr., Jaylen, Aubre, and Arianna.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Restland Memorial Park
East Hanover, New Jersey

REPAST:

A Repast will follow at 175 Walnut Ave. Bronx, NY

Condolences may be sent to 1889 Sedgwick Ave., Apt 14B,
Bronx, NY 10453

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

***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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