## Celebrating the Life, Love & Legacy

of



## Crystal L. Brown "Chrissy"

Alpha March 8, 1964 Omega September 30, 2020

Services Friday, October 9, 2020 – 11 AM

## **Friendly Baptist Church**

962 Ogden Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456 Rev. Albert O. L. Sutton, Sr., Pastor Rev. Albert O.L. Sutton, Jr., Co-Pastor



We come together today not to mourn the death of Crystal Lavette Brown, but to celebrate her life.

An only child, Crystal Brown was born on March 8, 1964 to Jacquelyn Olivia Brown at the Portsmouth General Hospital, Portsmouth Virginia. In the late 60's, Chrissy, as she was affectionately known to family, and her mother moved to Harlem, New York. In 1971, they relocated from Harlem to the Bronx where she lived until God called her home.

Crystal was educated in the NYC Public School system and attended Jane Addams Vocational High School in the Bronx. In January 1982 Crystal joined the United States Army and was subsequently Honorably Discharged after sustaining a life altering injury. In 1999, after completing her education, Crystal pursued a career as a Resident Aide with the Edwin Gould Services for Children. She then pursued careers with a myriad of organizations i.e., AT&T & Arnold's Food Company. In 2014, Crystal decided to attend The Argus Career Training Institute and interned at Pride Site as a Counselor. In September 2015, Crystal received credentials as an Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor. Crystal was also employed with Sancia Recovery Inc. as a Primary Counselor. Her last employer was V.I.P. Community Services as a Shift Supervisor.

In 2012, Crystal joined a women's group, "Ladies Doing It Together" where she formed a very loving and special bond with some wonderful and beautiful women whom she loved very much.

Crystal had a way with people ... her spirit and personality were infectious. Crystal was funny, charming, outspoken & stubborn at times! She would also give it to you straight--with no chaser but had a big loving and kind heart. Crystal touched the lives of many and left a lasting impression on many more! Her strong faith in God, positivity and perseverance inspired a lot of people. Her presence will be missed very much.

Crystal was preceded in death by her grandmother, Bertha Joyner, her mother, Jacquelyn Olivia Brown; aunts: Otelia and Elizabeth; uncles: Willie, Carl, and Sonny.

Crystal leaves to cherish her memory & mourn her absence daughter, Jacquelyn Annette Brown; Domestic Partner of 26 years, Idel Shields; aunts: Delois, Brenda and Ann; uncles: Duke, Anthony and Lorenzo as well as numerous cousins and friends too numerous to name.



Military Honors/Presentation of the Flag by the US Military Honor Guard

Organ Prelude

Processional......The Clergy, The Officers & The Family

The Prayer of Comfort

The Hymn of Comfort

The Scriptures
The Old Testament
The New Testament

The Selection

The Obituary

The Selection

The Last Glance...... Patricia A. Morris Funeral Chapels

Benediction......Pastor Albert O.L. Sutton

Rosehill Crematory Linden, NJ

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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