

Order of Service

The Prelude

The Hymn of Triumph....“To God Be The Glory” Anthony Richardson

The Invocation

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23Brandon Rodgers

Psalm 91Michael Rodgers II

Hymn.....“How Great Thou Art” Olanna Goudeau

Friend ReflectionsMargaret Lindo Defranco, Serena Oliver

Hymn.....“What A Friend We Have in Jesus” Anthony Richardson

Church ReflectionsRita Sinkfield Belin, Edith B. Cartledge

The Obituary.....Rosalyn Greaux

Family Reflections.....David Haynes

George Haynes

Michael Rodgers, Sr.

Hymn“Great is Thy Faithfulness” Olanna Goudeau

Eulogy Pastor Henry A. Belin

The Recessional “Time is Filled with Swift Transition”

Interment

George Washington Memorial Park Cemetery
Paramus, New Jersey

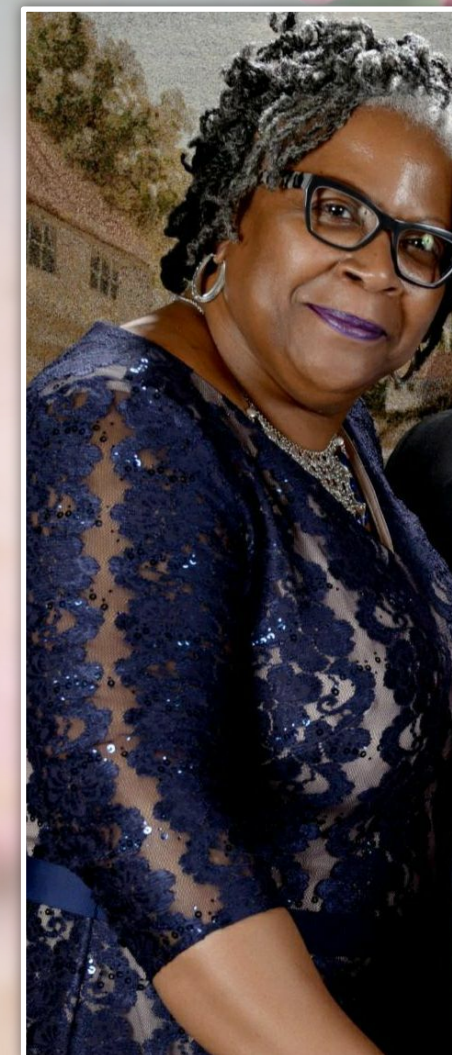


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*A
Celebration
of Love
for*

Tracie King

Sunrise:
February 3, 1956

Sunset:
November 26, 2020

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020
Service: 1:00 PM

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Obituary

TRACIE KING was a Queen – a tall, regal, smart, beautiful, strong and gentle woman who believed deeply in God and who gave fully of herself to her family, friends and in all areas of life. To know Tracie was to experience her deep care, joy, commitment, loyalty, honesty, friendship, encouragement and impeccable standard of excellence. She held high expectations for herself and for all of those around her. Her bright smile added warmth to every situation and made others smile too. Tracie was extremely resourceful, creative, hard-working and full of energy—a real go-getter who defied the naysayers. She did not know the words “can’t” or “quit” and was not discouraged by challenges or setbacks. She embodied the scripture “I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me,” and she encouraged others to do all things and not settle for anything less than living out God’s plans to prosper and not to harm us and His plans to give hope and a future to everyone. Tracie was a wise, uplifting, faithful, well-organized and loving mother, wife, grandmother, sister, friend and colleague. She was a peacemaker and advocate who had a powerful and life-changing impact on the lives of others, and she will be deeply missed by all.

Born to Willie Mae Haynes and George Edwards, Tracie’s life journey began on February 3rd, 1956, in Harlem, New York. A smart young woman with a high aptitude and gift for understanding mathematical principles and formulas, Tracie graduated from the legendary Bronx High School of Science and started a career in finance at Goldome Savings Bank in 1976. After her eight-year tenure, Tracie advanced to become an accounting executive assistant at HOME Clinic Inc., where she worked for twelve years. Tracie, however, was not satisfied with her career path and had a vision to achieve more in her life.

Tracie’s commitment to personal growth and excellence and her understanding of the important role of education as an effective means to achieve led her to earn a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Lehman College in May 1998, and to obtain a Master Degree in Public Administration from Baruch College in 2009. She launched a new career path at the world renown Fashion Institute of Technology,

where she would rise in the corporate structure to become the Acting Deputy Bursar. She worked tirelessly to assist students with financial aid packages as they pursued their personal goals and dreams of succeeding in the art and fashion world. Tracie immersed herself in her life’s work at FIT and contributed to its success for over twenty years.

Without question, Tracie’s pride and joy was her one and only child, Michael. Everyone who knew Tracie, knew how deeply she loved and adored Michael, and everyone respected how seriously she took her role and responsibilities as his mother. Their mother-son bond was sealed. She was honored and grateful to be his mother even when parenting was not easy. Tracie always believed in her son and was enormously proud of the man he has become, all that he has accomplished, his hard work and the wonderful family that he has helped to build with his lovely wife, Jennifer. As a visionary, Tracie knew that even more is in store for Michael’s future and she will be supporting him from on high.

In September of 2008, Tracie married her knight in shining armor and soulmate, Allen King. Their connection and chemistry were undeniable. Their love was enriching, empowering, embracing, enduring and everlasting. Tracie and Allen shared an unbreakable bond and their mutual adoration, love, respect and support modeled the meaning of having a covenant relationship in which a husband and wife become one. They understood each other and had a beautiful marriage filled with laughter, romance, jokes, wonderful discussions, and travel. In their presence, one could feel the love and wanted to be a part of it because it was truly infectious.

Tracie’s approach to her personal, family and professional life was to be fully engaged and impactful, and she had the same approach to her faith life. Her Christian walk grew stronger and stronger through the years and it undergirded and guided her journey. Following in her mother’s footsteps, Tracie was a devout and active member of First AME Church: Bethel for her entire life. She raised her son in church and served in many leadership roles that contributed to the soul-saving work and ministry of First Bethel and the communities it serves. Tracie loved God and God’s people. She served as a trustee and became the Secretary of the Board of Trustees in 2014. For many years, she was a member of the Lay Organization and helped to teach and train. She also worked tirelessly with the women’s ministry, helping to plan enriching and life-changing women’s retreats and other spiritually transforming experiences and sister-

bonding and development programs. Always willing to give back and help others to grow and succeed, Tracie served as the chairperson of First Bethel’s Annual Back to School Celebration and Block Party for twelve years, where ---before the school year started-- students, parents, caretakers, teachers and administrators of all ages and level were blessed with praise and worship, inspirational messages, consecration and backpacks filled with school supplies and they were celebrated by First Bethel Church with an afternoon full of complimentary food, games, rides, contests, painting, pictures, dancing, skating and more. Tracie loved to see the joyful expressions on everyone’s faces and believed in helping others to see God in action through service.

Throughout her life, Tracie kept developing herself and shared her talents, interests and passions with others. She loved to cook and was an amazing cook, hosting many special family occasions and frequent get-togethers. Always seeking to know more, Tracie was an avid reader and a great writer who loved the detailed and arcane rules of grammar, routinely worked on crossword puzzles, enjoyed great style and design, welcomed learning new ideas and asking hard questions and delighted in traveling and experiencing life through the lens of others. She also deeply cherished spending time with her grandsons, showering them with love and sharing their interests and activities, whether in routine things, on visits or on excursions together.

Through the end of her journey, Tracie was a tower of strength, radiating peace and expressing love and care for everyone around her. Our beloved Tracie is celebrated and survived by her husband Allen; son Michael; step-daughter Tatiana; daughter-in-love Jennifer, grandsons Michael and Brandon; brothers Nathaniel and George Haynes; sister Christine Nelson; adopted sisters Gloria Grant, Margaret Anderson, and Perrette M. Murray; niece Natalya; brothers-in-love Alberto King and John George; and sisters-in-love Carol King, Karen George, Corrine King and Ethelyn King. She also leaves an enormous collection of cousins, friends, church members, and colleagues who hold cherished memories of her.

Truly, Tracie was the Queen of her family and gave joy, love and appreciation to all. Tracie will be missed forever.