

Celebrating the Life of



Ann M. Rhames

Sunrise
August 21, 1945

Sunset
November 23, 2020

Sunday, December 6, 2020 - 1pm

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Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, Officiating

Rev. Tyrone Richardson, Organist

Obituary

Ann Margarita Brown was born on August 21, 1945, to Lillian Carter Brown and James Pete Brown. She grew up at 1839 Lexington Avenue in East Harlem. Ann attended P.S. 57, JHS 117, and Benjamin Franklin High School where she graduated in 1963. She was a cheerleader and active in numerous extracurricular clubs.

While in high school she met her future husband, Joseph E. Rhames, Sr. He was a standout athlete and point guard on the basketball team. They married in June of 1967 and that union resulted in a son, Joseph E. Rhames, Jr., the following year. She would continue her academic career at Hunter College, where she received a B.A. in Education in 1977. Years later she received her Master's at the New School for Social Research, specializing in Social Work.

She worked as a clerk at Mutual Life Insurance Company immediately after high school and a few years later as a cashier in Gimbels, before settling into a career as a Respiratory Therapist. She spent most of her career at Bronx Lebanon and Lenox Hill Hospital and freelanced at many hospital and nursing facilities throughout the tri-state area. During her years at Bronx Lebanon, she took great care of her niece, Lynecia Williams, every time she was admitted into the hospital.

Besides being a supportive family member, her great love was travel. She cruised in the Caribbean, the west coast, and the south pacific. She especially enjoyed dressing for the formal dinners and could tell you which cruise lines had the best meals and buffets. Shrimp and lobster were particular favorites. She touched on a majority of the seven continents in her travels: Europe, Africa, North America and Australia. She had a particular love of Barbados, in the Caribbean, where she developed close personal ties that endured her entire life.

She was active in her High School Alumni Association where she rekindled many old friendships after retirement. A particular highlight was helping organize the annual Alumanni Barbeque every August in William Jefferson Park.

She leaves behind: her son, Joseph E. Rhames, Jr.; her cousins, Michele Warren, Christine Woodward and Frankie Watson; and a host of nieces and nephews, as well as many well loved friends.



Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Rev. Tyrone Richardson

Scripture Readings

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

Prayer

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Selection

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Acknowledgements

Lauretta Jones

Remarks

Obituary

Patricia McCartney

Selection

Rev. Tyrone Richardson

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

FINAL DISPOSITION:

**Rosehill Crematory
Linden, New Jersey**

God Called Your Name So Softly

God called your name so softly,
that only you could hear
And no one heard the footsteps
Of angels drawing near.
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.
You're always close beside us, in everything we do,
You were our greatest treasure, God's gift to us was you.
We will always remember that way you looked,
the way you talked and smiled,
The little things you said and did
to make our lives worthwhile.
Each time we look at your picture,
you seem to smile and say,
Don't be sad but courage take
and love each other for my sake.
Just a prayer from the family to you,
just a memory fond and true,
In our hearts you will stay forever
because we thought the world of you.

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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