

*In Loving Memory of*



*Ralonda M. Davis*

April 7, 1966 – December 18, 2020

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

*Rev. Allen Potts, Officiating*

## *Obituary*

Ralonda Michelle Davis was born on April 7th, 1966 in Newark, NJ to the late Ozzie Beck and Harriet Davis. She was the eldest of two children. “Lonnie” or “Ro” as she was affectionately called by family and friends shared many interests in life. A few of these interests included modeling, fishing, parks, fitness and a fine cigar every so often.

As a young girl, Ralonda enjoyed spending time with her grandparents, the late Nathaniel and Ruth Beck. During this quality time, she cultivated the love and knowledge for gardening and fishing. The passion she held for gardening would later lead her to seek community partnership to grow fresh produce in her hometown of Newark, New Jersey.

Ralonda graduated from Malcolm X. Shabazz High School in Newark, New Jersey. After high school, she would begin to embark on several different ventures. A go-getter to say the least. Modeling was an activity she genuinely enjoyed and had the ability to “rip the runway” at any given time. A fierce woman of poise and class would define her.

During her life, she dedicated 27 years as a Logistics Coordinator. She was also a spiritual being who often prayed and meditated.

In 1992, Ralonda was joined in marriage to William “Bo” Edward James. This union gave birth to two sons, Courey Nathaniel James and Jason Isaiah James. The expansion of her immediate family would include her grandson, Courey Nathaniel James, Jr. Ralonda was a proud mother and protector of her boys. Everyone knew not to mess with the James boys.

A sister, dedicated friend and protector to many are just a few titles that describe her best. She loved hard and “said what she said”.

On Friday, December 18th, 2020, Ralonda Michelle Davis made a peaceful transition and leaves many to cherish her memory. She is survived by her two sons, Courey Nathaniel James of Piscataway, NJ and Jason Isaiah James of Los Angeles, CA; grandson, Courey Nathaniel James, Jr; brother, Ozzie Burton Beck, Jr of Newark, NJ; niece, Carmen Burton; aunt, Jennie Beck of Irvington, NJ; uncles, Samuel Miles, Akbar (Buster) Davis of South Carolina, and her Grandmother Juliet Davis. Followed by dozens of cousins, and friends.

Ralonda was preceded in death by her parents, the late Ozzie Beck and Harriet Davis.

# *Order of Service*

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Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Allen Potts

Recessional

*Interment*  
Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, New Jersey



## *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 Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, 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 savored 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!*

*-author unknown*

## *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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