In Loving Memory of Beverly Diane Rowe Berry

Sunrise January 14, 1952 Sunset January 9, 2021

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 Viewing (Friends and Guests): 11:00am - 3:00pm Service (Family Only): 3:00pm

Christian Parish for Spiritual Renewal

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Beverly Diane Rowe Berry was born on January 14, 1952 to the late Clarence and Hermena Rowe in the village of Harlem, New York. She was the fifth of nine children.

Diane attended Wadleigh Jr. High School and Benjamin Franklin High School where she received a commercial diploma. After graduation she worked as a receptionist for Becker Parkin for over twenty-five years. Shortly after graduating from high school she met and married David Berry. This union produced two sons, David and Troy. She was a loving mother who was involved in all of their numerous activities.

Diane was also a very faithful and dedicated member of her Christian Parish family. She was baptized by the late Rev. Dr. Eugene S. Callender and became active in many of its auxiliaries and programs. She was especially involved in the bi-monthly visits to the Greater Harlem Nursing Home, was a vital member of the Church Council, and could always be counted on to actively support all of the choir concerts, Ladies Service Guild programs, and Summer Vacation Bible School. Her positive, encouraging, and caring spirit made everyone look forward to being in her presence and on her team.

Diane loved her Harlem community, and often volunteered her services to help improve the lives of its constituents. She especially assumed an active role at Harlem Mothers and Fathers S.A.V.E., a community-based organization founded and directed by her sister Jackie Rowe Adams to service parents who lost children to gun violence.

Diane had a winning and fun-loving personality. She loved music, and was a terrific dancer. She never hesitated to take over the dance floor with her spirited moves. Diane's love for music, dance, family, friends, and God was unconditional and exceptional. She was a true joy to her large family, especially her nieces and nephews. She had a special bond with each one of them, as well as their children. If you needed a helping hand, she was always ready, willing, and able. She was a true BFF (Best Friend Forever) to all who knew her. She left us a treasure chest of love and memories that will never be forgotten.

After a lengthy illness, on January 9, 2021, God called His angel home. Her beautiful spirit will always be in our hearts.

Diane was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Hermena Rowe and her brother, Clarence Rowe, Jr. She leaves to cherish her memory: husband, David Berry Sr; children, David Jr. & Janice, and Troy; grandson, Deshawn Powlette; granddaughters, Breanne and Essence; great-grandson, Saint; parents-in-law, Raymond & Benita Berry; brother-in-law, Raymond Jr.; sister-in-law, Robin & Wayne; siblings, Carolyn & Clinton Ingram, Jackie & William Adams, Evelyn Monroe, Deborah Winkfield, Alvin & Sharon Rowe, Fred Rowe, Pam & Clarence Butler, and Marquis Dreux; nieces and nephews, Mariama & Ron, Chinyelu & Nalaika, Eric, Bryant & Shay, Derek, Chris & Shevon, Thomas & Maribel, Tawana & Robert, Tiffany & Gregg, Brittany, Chanel, Sha, Kenny & Rochelle, Brandon, Joey, Anthony, Antonia, Tyrik, Allen, and Leslie; 25 grandnieces and nephews; and a host of extended family and friends too numerous to mention.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude
Processional
Invocation
Hymn
Scripture Readings
SoloElisabeth Withers Mendes
Tributes: "She's The Reason Why"
Remembrance/Reflections
Musical Selections
Musical SelectionsARC Gospel Choir
ObituaryBreanne Berry
EulogyRev. Ronald Sullivan
SoloElisabeth Withers Mendes
Benediction
Postlude

"Cast thy burdens upon the Lord and He shall sustain thee; He never will suffer the righteous to fall." Psalm 55:22

SHE'S THE REASON WHY

(A Poem for Aunt Diane)
By Clinton Chinyelu Ingram, nephew

She's the reason why I hold my head up high as I look towards the clouds I bow humbly and thankfully for this angel that the Creator has allowed to bless us with her presence, even though for a little while When I reflect on her earthly journey, I can't help but crack a smile She was placed smack dab in the middle. Rowe number five in line She was the glue that sealed the bond to the eclectic group of nine Her enthusiasm for life was contagious Just ask anyone who crossed her path With an intuition of 3 lucky numbers No explanation. I'll let you do the math Sweet as a luscious fruit picked from the ripest tree He ace the appellation ending with BERRY Present, prompt and prepared for any occasion or event You need a ficket or raffle sold? She'd make sure the money's be spent! The LIFE of the party, that fact you can't ignore "Shoop Shoop ba-doopin', Leaving lasting impressions on the dance floor Her life, fully devoted to her family, close friends and God A commitment that was unyielding, service rendered on this journey that she trod A caregiver to the masses, no towel thrown to ever give in I am forever indebted for her nurture and dedication to my two children A lawyer and defender, yes, she'd always have your back You wanna share a secret? She's the one who'd never crack I wish I could have one last chance to hold her in my areas to hear her confirmation: "He don't know, the boy don't mean no harm!" Her simple declaration: "Chin?! That's my boy!" To see the light in her eyes when speaking of her treasured son, David and Troy Nana, mother, sister and friend, "Auntie Di" she was to me Completing this chapter in the book of life, taking us from A to Z You're the reason why I hold my head up high, Aunt Diane! Now we lust let you go and let God fulfill His perfect plan!

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The Family is deeply appreciative for the many prayers and acts of kindness, which have been a source of strength and comfort during our time of bereavement.

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