

A joyful woman with short grey hair, wearing a black tank top and a gold necklace, has her arms raised in a celebratory gesture. She is smiling broadly, showing her teeth. In the foreground, three large, vibrant pink tulips with green stems and leaves are positioned. The background is a light, textured cream color with faint, golden geometric lines and small dots. The overall mood is one of happiness and celebration.

In Loving Memory of

Doris Ethel Arroyo

Sunrise
May 5, 1946

Sunset
February 20, 2021

Saturday, February 27, 2021 - 5pm

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Obituary

On May 5, 1946, **Doris Arroyo** was born to loving parents, Mercedes Pratts and Pedro Arroyo. The blessing of Doris' arrival brought joy to her parents and siblings. It was clear from very early on that Doris was a force to be reckoned with, ready to take on the world and filled with energy.

Doris grew up in East Harlem with her three brothers and three sisters. Doris' education began at PS 57, then for a short time, she attended PS 101 followed by JHS 43 and graduated from Washington Irving HS. Being the sixth child of seven children, Doris made sure her presence was known with her vibrant personality and bright smile. It was clear from the start she was going to leave a lasting impact on many people and thrive in the workforce. Her personality coupled with the skills she acquired helped her stay gainfully employed throughout her teenage and adult years working throughout the restaurant industry.

Doris became the matriarch of the family after the passing of her mom. She was an awesome cook. Holiday meals were the best. No one could top her Spanish dishes. She was also often told she was the master of collard greens. Doris was a feisty, fun spirited and loving person. Her home and her heart were open to all and everyone felt welcomed and safe when embraced by both. It was no secret that Doris loved and spoiled her daughters and grandchildren. Equally and in the same breath, we also understood that once she raised that eyebrow it was time to stop playing with her. As a single mother, Doris made it her business to create great experiences for her girls. Weekends were often filled with trips to Gaston Beach (a 2-hour train ride), Riverside and Van Cortlandt Park and Staten Island. Doris always put family first and would go above and beyond to make sure everyone was "good". The kind of woman that would give you the shirt off her back along with her socks and shoes if needed. She never turned her back on family.

Doris was known all throughout Grant and was always on the "go". She could not sit still. If you walked with Doris, you would not get two feet without her stopping to talk to someone. It would take 30 minutes just to walk a block. She had a Saturday ritual of playing music and dancing to salsa as she cleaned the house. Doris would often disappear and end up in Atlantic City or Empire. She loved going to Bingo with her sister Elaine and friends from the building. Whether young or old Doris was the life of the party. In her younger days, she hosted parties for friends, had a bar in the apartment, made great drinks, played good music and let us not forget the homemade disco ball. Doris continued the party. Last August she went to Aruba to attend her daughter's wedding where she received her first stamp on her passport and had the time of her life. The wedding was amazing but Doris was the best part of that trip, she danced, laughed and entered the hearts of everyone who had the privilege and honor of meeting her. There was not a person there or anywhere who met mom that did not love her. Doris' vivacious character and loving spirit is one we will never forget.

On February 20, 2021, Doris ended one journey to start a new journey. Her memory will be eternally cherished by: her two daughters, Doris and Valerie; four grandchildren, Tori, Trevor, Marsten and Dallis; her two great grandchildren, Nixon and Kodi; and great grand doggy, Snow. She also leaves behind nieces, Sheila, Denise, Wendy, Gizelle and Annie; nephews, Peter Jr., Raymond, Benny, Anthony, Raymond Jr., Denise and Joseph; and a host of great nieces and nephews.

Order of Service

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Viewing

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FINAL DISPOSITION:

Rosehill Crematory
Linden, New Jersey



In My Heart

I thought of you today.
But that is nothing new.
I thought about you yesterday.
And days before that too.
I think of you in silence.
I often speak your name.
Now all I have are memories.
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is my keepsake.
With which I'll never part.
God has you in his keeping.
I have you in my heart.

PRAYER for my MOM

Dear God, I gratefully thank you
For giving me my Mom,
You must really love me,
'Cause you gave the best you had.
Watch over her and bless her Lord,
And keep her in your care,
And may she feel
My love for her,
Is my humble,
Heartfelt prayer.

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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