

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of an elderly Black woman with short, dark, curly hair, wearing glasses and a bright orange-red top. She is positioned in front of a large, stylized yellow rose with green leaves. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white.

Arlene Burrowes

Sunrise
December 30, 1947

Sunset
February 26, 2021

Service:
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 - 11:30 am

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Rev. Craig Johnson, Officiating

Obituary

Arlene Mathilda Connell (Burrowes) was born on December 30, 1947 to the late Henry & Beulah Connell in The Bronx, New York. Although she was an only child; she was surrounded by tons of aunts, uncles and cousins. She attended and graduated from Walton High School. She was an active member at Bethany Lutheran Church and enjoyed singing in the choir.

In 1970 she met the love of her life Edwin Burrowes, they wed on January 3, 1971 at Bethany Lutheran church. From this union, they had 3 children Andre, Aaron (Butch) and Alyssa.

Affectionately known as “Mama B”, Arlene was a wonderful mother, grandmother and loving wife. She made sure that everyone had a safe place to go as she played chauffeur and cooked for her kids and their friends. She LOVED football and many other sports. She always routed for her teams the NY Mets, Jets and Buffalo Bills. Her love for the game grew when her youngest son (Butch) decided to take up Football at Mount St. Michael’s. She was a super fan and never missed a game and would travel around the state to watch him. She would turn on her culinary expertise and see that everyone had their favorites at any event, Super bowl, baby showers, BBQs or just because you asked. She was famously known for her Mac and cheese, lasagna, and oxtails. This love she had transcended beyond family, “Mama B” always treated everyone as her own.

Arlene had a love for the “Bs” Bingo, Bowling and Books. For 20 years she was an active member of several bowling leagues. She loved going on trips to Foxwoods to play in Bingo tournaments. Her second home was Las Vegas; every year she took a trip to enjoy the sights and games. She was also an avid reader, able to finish books in one day. A great mystery would always keep her captivated. Her heart expanded on March 20th, 2011 with the birth of her only grandchild Alijah (Aj) Carston. She loved and adored him. They had a special bond and a Friday ritual of going out to their favorite places around the city to spend quality time. She appreciated being on “Grammy” duty and helped at any opportunity.

She was employed as a Legal Secretary at Verizon for 20 years. She decided to retire to spend more time with her grandson.

She departed this earth on February 26, 2021 to join her partner in crime Thelma aka Aunt Pat. She’s preceded by her loving parents, and Aunt Ruth. She leaves behind to celebrate her life her husband Edwin, three children Andre, Aaron and Alyssa. Grandson Alijah, brother in law Frank (Patrice), her in laws Ernestine & David Williams and host of “adopted” daughters, sons and nieces and nephews.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

New Testament - John 14:1-7

Prayer Of Comfort

Soloist

"His Eye is on the Sparrow" sung by Alicia Ruise

Reading Of Obituary

Samantha Faulkner

Cards and Letters

read by Rhodesia Green

Remarks

(3min)

Selection

Eulogy

Committal & Benediction

Remarks By Funeral Director

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Ferncliff Cemetery, Hartsdale, New York

*Repass will follow immediately at
WD Event Space
4550 White Plains Rd (come down the driveway)*

Palm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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