

In Loving Memory of



BEVERLY OLIVIA BERRÍO

**Sunrise
January 22, 1944**

**Sunset
March 21, 2021**

Sunday, April 4, 2021 - 3PM

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Order of Service

Processional

"Walking Around Heaven" (Patti Labelle)

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 12:7

New Testament - II Timothy 4:7-8

Prayer

Selection

"Great is Your Mercy" (Donnie McClurkin)

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Jasmine Irizarry

Selection

"Ave Maria" (Celine Dion)

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

FINAL DISPOSITION:

Rosehill Crematory

Linden, New Jersey

Obituary

Beverly Olivia was born to Aubrey and Olivia Black on January 22, 1944 in the Republic of Panama. Beverly attended Canal Zone schools in the township of Rainbow City, Canal Zone. As a junior in high school, Beverly emigrated to Brooklyn, New York to live with her Aunt Ivy and Uncle Sito. In later years, she dedicated her Friday evenings to spending time with both aunt and uncle. She thoroughly enjoyed those visits.

Upon her arrival, Beverly enrolled, attended and graduated from Franklin K. Lane High School in Brooklyn, New York. It was during this time that she was introduced to Tomás A. Berrio through her classmate and her future sister-in-law. It wasn't until a few years later that they began a courtship and in 1966, they were joined in Holy Matrimony. They made their home in East Elmhurst, Queens. To their union were born two beautiful and loving daughters, Ivette and Michelle. Beverly was a devout Catholic and attended Mass with her family at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Flushing, Queens.

As the girls grew, Beverly and girls traveled abroad as well as toured cities and states across the nation. Beverly was adventurous and a fun loving mother. She exposed her daughters to different cultures and took them on excursions exploring marine life, enjoying beaches and parks. They traveled both to California and Virginia to spend time with her mother, sisters and brother-in-law. Beverly was energetic and full of life. Dancing was her passion and she moved to the rhythm of any salsa, merengue, calypso, reggae and soul music.

Beverly earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition and Dietetics from Pratt Institute in New York City. She received her license as a Dietician by New York Institute of Dietetics, granted by the State of New York. In that capacity, Beverly obtained employment as a Dietician with Fairview Nursing Home in Forest Hill, NY, for twenty-one years. Additionally, she pursued a post doctorate course in lactation management of the breast feeding mother. This allowed her gainful employment with Woodhull Hospital in Brooklyn, New York in the capacity as a Nutritionist, specializing in the Woman, Infant and Children (WIC) Program. She was employed for 7 years when she became ill.

To her family's dismay, Beverly contracted a viral infection at work. Her lengthy hospitalization was further complicated with a persistent and high grade fever. This life threatening condition resulted in cognitive impairment for which she required extensive therapy, continuous medical treatment and daily assisted care. She received medical treatments both in Boston, Massachusetts as well as New York City. Ivette and Michelle visited often and followed through in every aspect of her care. During her illness, her daughters and granddaughter would pick her up from the rehabilitation facility to spend major holidays with her family. These were special moments where Beverly would rave about the meals they prepared. She enjoyed those occasions immensely! At other times, they would take her for short walks along the beach front.

Following twenty-six years of illness, on March 21, 2021, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call her home. Her journey on this earth was not in vain. Her life will be forever cherished and she will never be forgotten.

Beverly leaves to cherish her memory: two loving daughters, Ivette Berrio and Michelle Berrio; two grandchildren, Jasmine Irizarry and Jacob Brown; two great granddaughters, Mia Uruchima and Olivia Short-Irizarry; three sisters, Violeta (Edward) Wooten, Veronica McMath and Yolanda Lewis; nieces and nephews; and a host of cousins and lifelong friends.

We love you dear Mommy, but Jesus loves you best.

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 his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah 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 savoured 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.



Acknowledgement

Appreciation from the Berrio Family:

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

***Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought and prayed
for us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we
thank you so much, whatever the part.***

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