

In Loving

Memory

of

Pearl Theodora Cedenno

NOVEMBER 9, 1964 - MARCH 30, 2021

Friday - April 9, 2021

Viewing: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Service: 11:00 a.m.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
224 Brooklyn Avenue • Brooklyn, New York 11213
(Corner of St. Johns Place)

Obituary

Our Dearest Pearl Cedeno,

Pearl Theodora Cedeno, daughter of Majorie Jessamy and Peter Fernandez, was born on November 9th, 1964 in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. As the 2nd born of six lovely daughters, Pearl early in life showed a natural inclination towards nurturing, caring and loving people, this was the foundation upon which she would build her life. Before she conceived any of her children, she began mothering her siblings as she was entrusted to help care for them.

Pearl moved with her family to the United States at the early age of 9. As a young girl, Pearl developed a love for modeling and playing handball. Pearl modeled for years with friends Nicole and Shenita, these relationships turned into a friendship lasting over 30 years.

On July 1, 1983 Pearl married her loving husband Enrique Cedeno and continued to grow into her womanhood as well as motherhood.

Pearl moved from St. Johns Place to Lefferts Place, and immediately became a loving and impactful pillar within that community. Those who knew Pearl knew her by many nicknames, Ms. Pearl, Momma Pearl, Mom but most of all Momdukes. Like many in the neighborhood called her mom because of her genuine love and willingness to always lend her heart, her home, and her time to even the most unexpected stranger.

Pearl also loved to cook, in the family, she arguably was the best cook to most, hosting nearly every holiday, picnic or family gathering. Pearl was also known in the neighborhood as "the cook". On Lefferts, there wasn't a soul who didn't clamor for the taste of Pearl's fine cooking.

Pearl would sell dinners in the building, and it would sell out within hours! A woman of many talents, she was also loved to dance and had an affinity for fashion and beauty. Pearl was the one who was always ready to dance and looked stylish while doing it.

No one could tell if she was having an off day because she prided herself on looking beautiful no matter the circumstance. Pearl's signature style high-heeled shoes, hat, purse, and red lipstick!

Family was Pearl's life. Everyone who saw her, always saw her children in tow. Whether it was her modeling, playing handball, or just hanging out with friends, her children were always beside her. She loved her children like no mother could, they always felt loved. Pearl also loved her husband through thick and thin, no matter what life presented, together they faced it. The love she bestowed upon her husband was never ending and they were inseparable. She also loved her sisters to the moon and back, Pearl never really knew how to say 'no' to family, with her whole heart, if she could meet the request, she did. Pearl loved her nieces and nephews like they were her own children, that unconditional love was priceless to many she touched. She also loved animals and her pets were her furry children! To know Pearl, you knew love and family. Her heart was meant to love the world.

Pearl similarly to her mother, loved the casinos. She loved Atlantic City, but when Raceway and The Aqueduct was built, those were her new homes to play slots. If you ever went with Pearl to the casino, she made your night with her lavish styles of playing, yelling and beating up the slot machine like a mad woman. When not at the casino's, Pearl's best family time was playing spades. If you didn't know how to play spades, she didn't want you at the table at all. Pearl hated to lose and took the game all too seriously, she was a fierce competitor!

Her greatest difficulty in life was also her greatest passion. Like her mother, she hated seeing people suffer, worried or in pain. She would find a way to make an impact regardless of how much it would affect her own way of life. Her favorite saying "Where there is a will, there is a way," will always ring true to those in need.

On Tuesday, March 30, 2021, Pearl transitioned with her loving family by her side. She was a mother of four beautiful children: Nelson, Christopher, Joseph, and Crystal. Grandmother to 5 Grandkids; Jade, Dillon, Joseph Jr, Joy and Serenity. Wife to husband Enrique. Sister to; Patricia, Merle, Carolyn, Noelle, and Leticia. She also leaves to cherish her memories two daughter-in-laws Sabrina and Khourin, and son-in-law Rakeem. Countless nephews and nieces, cousins and countless friends including long term sister-friends, Shenita, Nicole, and China, the whole community at Lefferts Place and her loving pets.

It brings us great joy to know she loved life. She experienced life. And knew what really mattered. Her legacy will live on through us and her life will be celebrated.

We love you Pearl aka Momdukes.

We will miss you dearly.

Order of Service

Prayer of Comfort Vanessa

Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalms 27:1-4 Tatiana

New Testament - Revelation 1-4 Missionary Marie Kinney

Poem Sabrina

Words of Comfort (5 to 7 ppl. 2 min max)

Solo Mahalia

Acknowledgements

Obituary Khourin



Interment:

Cypress Hills Cemetery
Brooklyn, New York





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*The family of **Pearl Theodora Cedeno** acknowledges with great appreciation all acts of kindness, sympathy and love extended to us during this time of bereavement.*



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