

Celebration of Life



Regina E. Matthews

Sunrise
March 9, 1972

Sunset
March 29, 2021

Memorial Service
Sunday, April 11, 2021 - 11AM

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Obituary

Regina Elaine Matthews was born at Harlem Hospital on March 9, 1972 to Diane Matthews (Franklin). Regina earned her wings and departed this earth on March 29, 2021. She is joining her grandparents (Lucius and Gloria Matthews) who have preceded her in death.

As a child “Gina” as she was affectionately known as was very bubbly, friendly, and curious. Gina grew up in Harlem, New York and attended P.S. 92 where she was mentored by her teacher Ms. Beth Pettit. Ms. Pettit had a great influence on Regina’s life. She later attended De La Salle Academy under the tutelage of Brother Brian Canty. Gina went on to further her education and earned her Bachelor’s Degree from Marymount Manhattan College. Throughout her life, Regina held many positions at various companies. At the time of her death, Regina held the position of Special Grants Coordinator for The City University of New York Graduate Center (CUNY).

Regina resided in Fleetwood, NY, and had a zest for life. She loved meeting people, brunching at the neighborhood establishments, traveling, reading, fashion, and spending time with her friends and family. One of Regina’s great joys was traveling to the Caribbean and relaxing on the beach.

Gina had a special relationship with her younger brother Gerald (Lil Big). Although they were 5 ½ years apart they were more like twins, an inseparable bond they shared, unconditional love. Throughout Regina’s journey, Gerald was always by her side giving her encouragement and strength.

Regina leaves to mourn her loss: her mother, Diane Matthews (Franklin); brother, Gerald Matthews; nephew, Kyrie Matthews; uncle, Robert Matthews; extended family; and a host of many, many friends.

“Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.”

~ Dr. Seuss

Order of Service

Opening Prayer
Brother Brian Canty

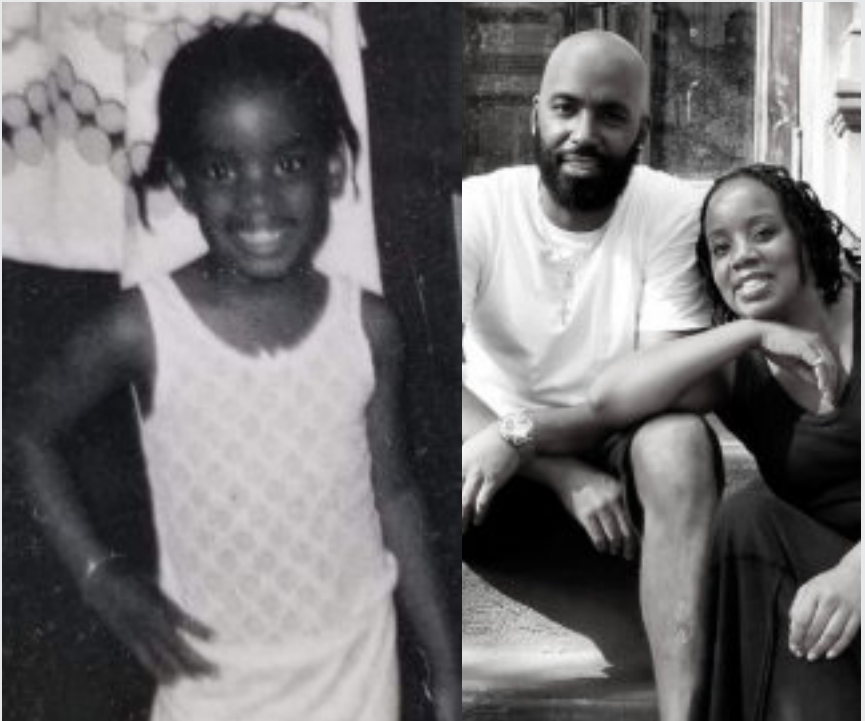
Reflections from Friends
Various Speakers

Family Tributes
The Family

Reading of Obituary

Closing Prayer

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic,
a repast will be planned for a later date.*



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

***Although our hearts are heavy, we appreciate all the love,
support, and encouragement you all have shown us during
our time of bereavement.***

~ The Family

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