

# *Celebrating*

THE LIFE OF



*DeRaina Lewis*

July 10, 1973 - April 27, 2021

Friday, May 14, 2021 - 4PM

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## Obituary

**Ms. DeRaina Lewis** was born on July 10th, 1973 at Sydenham Hospital to Lucille Randolph and Earl Lewis.

She attended P.S. 46, I.S. 95 and Martin Luther King Jr. High School. She furthered her education at NYU, studying psychology and then Katharine Gibbs School for bookkeeping. Her first job was working at Barnes & Nobles as a clerk. In 1992, she met James Spaulding and together they had three children. In 2018, she was ordained as an evangelist at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. Her last job was working as a Home Attendant in New Orleans.

DeRaina Lewis was a kind-hearted, funny, honest, and fierce woman. She loved God and was happiest when she was praise dancing. She loved re-watching her favorite movies, *Love & Basketball* and *Bad Boys For Life*. She enjoyed meeting new people, and making new friends, and giving a helping hand when she could. She was always known as the life of the party. She had an unrelenting sense of loyalty to the people that she loved and cherished. She understood that everyone has their own struggles and battles, and she always said that sometimes “you have to meet people where they are at”. This stands as a testament to who she was, and it’s a lesson that she worked to instill in her children: the lesson to never judge a person by their past but by their present.

She was preceded in death by her father, Earl Lewis; her aunt, Shirley Lewis; her grandmother, Geneva Randolph; and uncle, Joseph Randolph. DeRaina Lewis leaves behind to honor her memory: her mother, Lucille Randolph; her three children, Darrell Spaulding, Dai’Ja Spaulding and Marcus Lewis; her most cherished granddaughter, Zamora Spaulding; her three sisters, Yolanda Thomas, Sandra Lewis and Monique Martin; her three nieces, Shawniece Loveday, Michaela Lee and Katlyn Lee; her three nephews, Darius Martin, Kendell Thomas and Devin Martin; and a host of loving aunts, uncles, cousins, family and friends.

# Order of Service

Solo.....Sister Doris Phinizy

Introduction.....Lisa Lewis

Prayer.....Lisa Lewis

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament..... Dr. Clarice Gillard

New Testament.....Robin Tibbs

Formal Reading of Obituary.....Darrell Spaulding

Eulogy/Prayer.....Rev. Christopher Lett

Acknowledgements (On a later date)

Dismissal & Blessing..... Rev. Christopher Lett





## *Acknowledgement*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement, may God bless and keep you. ~ The Lewis Family*

## ***KINDNESS IS EVERYTHING***

*I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. ~ Maya Angelou*

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