

*In Loving Memory of*



*Denise Bostick*

Sunrise  
May 12, 1956

Sunset  
May 10, 2021

Sunday, May 16, 2021 - 11AM

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# *Obituary*

On May 10, **Denise Michelle Bostick** transitioned from this life to her eternal home.

Denise Michelle (Neecee) was born on May 12, 1956 in New York to the late James E. Bostick and Bertha (St. John) Bostick. Her older brother, James (Buddy), was her protector who kept her laughing at his jokes until his death in 2020.

She attended the local public schools through high school graduation from Central Commercial High School. She was a proud graduate of John Jay College, School of Criminal Justice, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 1990.

Denise was a student of Unity teachings during the 1980s. She became involved in Unity in Harlem about seven years ago. She was fully engaged in the ministry as a volunteer assisting in regular Sunday activities, special programs and made the decision to become a member in May 2019.

Denise was a dedicated New York City professional, having worked for different agencies within the City of New York municipality, including the New York Police Department for ten years, the Department of Education, and most recently, for the Human Resources Administration as a case worker, and then, Fraud Investigator. Throughout her 30+ years as an exceptional civil servant, she received numerous certificates and recognitions. She proudly belonged to Local 371 – the Social Service Employees Union and was a member of the ACLU.

Justice and equality were driving forces for her. She had several political affiliations, always striving to help her people. She participated in many marches and protests and was quite the activist who consistently supported Rev. Sharpton's National Action Network. For her, Black Lives always mattered. She was a quiet warrior, committed to justice and equality for her fellow Black race and was proud of it.

Denise touched the lives of many, developing lasting friendships along the way. She was genuinely devoted to her family and assumed the role of friend effortlessly. Having grown up in Patterson Projects in the Bronx, she developed life-long friendships with many, including the Rice family, who she adopted as a second family. She enjoyed socializing with friends, and would travel to see her favorite musical artists in concert, especially Smokey Robinson, her favorite singer.

Left to celebrate Denise's life are: her niece, Azure Bostick; grandnephew, Aiden Sanchez; grandniece, Avamaria Sanchez; godbrother and sister, Vernon and Kimberly Hicks and their entire family for their encouragement and support; close friends, Dorothy Wallace and Gladis Rice Wallace for their continued love and support; Bill Hicks (deceased) for all he's done throughout the years; and a host of extended family and friends.

# *Order of Service*

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## *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*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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