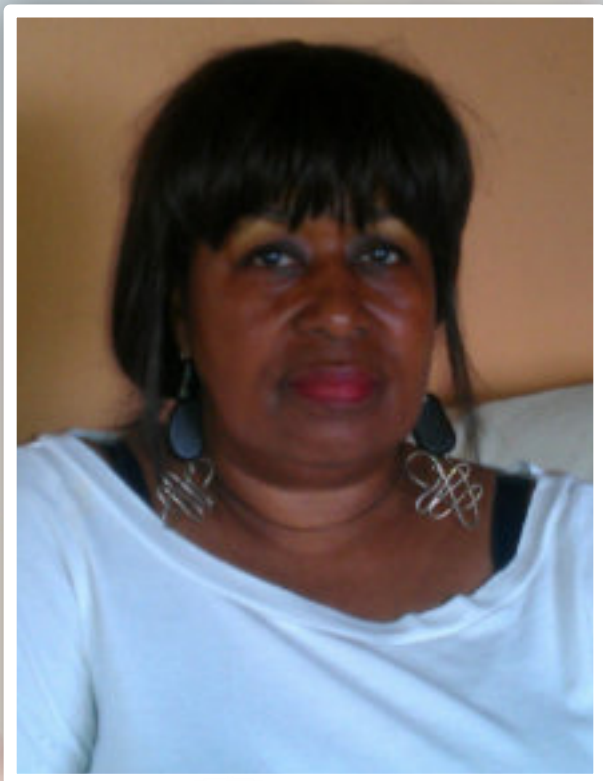


*In Loving Memory of*



*Rita Frazier*

AUGUST 14, 1944 - MAY 19, 2021

**Tuesday, June 1, 2021**

Viewing: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Homegoing Service: 11:00 a.m.

**Bethany Baptist Church**

460 Marcus Garvey Blvd. • Brooklyn, New York 11216

**Reverend E. Tyrone Pittman, Pastor**

## Obituary

On August 14, 1944, in New York City, more specifically, the district of Harlem, **Rita Frazier** was born, in Harlem Hospital. She often referred to herself as a “Harlemite” as she also was raised there and attended all schooling there as well.

Rita was a fashion avatar and the very embodiment of style. She was a fashionista before the term was coined. A true creative, she taught herself machine sewing at an early age and she was also a designer. Rita’s keen eye for beauty and undeniable style was a gift that she unselfishly shared with her family and friends.

Rita was a helper... She was an award-winning school fundraiser, school volunteer, and event planner for her daughter’s schools (elementary through high school), she resided with loved ones during convalescence, she opened her home to family members to live, she aided New York City tenant’s rights associations, and she donated and adopted to and from animal shelters. Her love for all cats and her cat, was unmatched. Additionally she helped in the community through her church as a Missionary Board Member. Whatever the reason and whenever she was involved, she did it with zeal.

Rita’s roots stemmed from Charleston, SC, although she was a native New Yorker. She lived in Charleston on a few occasions but always returned to NYC. Rita became the proud parent to her one and only child, Erica in 1970. She and Erica moved to the upper West side and remained there for the duration of Erica’s schooling through college. Rita juggled a robust career at Condé Nast while raising a child as a single parent with total grace.

Later, Rita became a grandmother of two. She was present at both births and spent entire summers with her grandkids in their youth, thusly, providing them with memories and stories that will never fade. To Mandala Eric and Nile Emory, she was “Grandma Rita”.

Rita found a new residence, and community of friends in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, which was highlighted by her membership at Bethany Baptist Church and servitude on their Missionary Board.

Rita’s youthful and pleasant voice was timeless. Her spirit of fun and happiness resonated in her high pitched laughter. Her anecdotes and organic humor were priceless!

On May 19, 2021, Rita Frazier departed to heaven. Angel on earth... Angel in heaven.

Remaining are her daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren, sisters, brothers, aunt, sister-in-laws, nieces, grand nieces, nephews, grand nephews, cousins, and friends and cat.

# *Order of Service*

Organ Prelude .....Brother D’Jore Nance

Selection ..... “The Storm Is Over Now”

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament – Psalm 23 .....Sister Valerie Fleming

New Testament – John 14:1-3 ..... Sister Ava Brown

Prayer of Comfort ..... Deacon Richard Harris

## **Reflections**

Mandala Jones, Son-in-Law

Reading of the Obituary

Deacon Marlienne Christian

Hymn ..... “Blessed Assurance”

Eulogy ..... Pastor Lacey

Benediction

**(Private Interment)**



# *Your Mother Is Always With You!*

Your Mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street. She's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick, the fragrance of life itself. She's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well. She's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day. She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colors of a rainbow. She is Christmas morning. Your mother lives inside your laughter. She's the place you come from, your first home. She's the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love, your first friend, even your first enemy. But nothing on Earth can separate you. Not time...not space...not even death.

## *Acknowledgement*

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



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