

# IN LOVING MEMORY

*Deidra Nordine Kelliehan*



Sunrise  
March 13, 1947

Sunset  
July 8, 2021

Service:  
Saturday, July 16, 2021 - 10am

**MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME**

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Apostle Isiah Lewis, Jr., Officiating

# *Obituary*

**Deidra Nordine Kelliehan** entered this world March 13, 1947 and took flight July 8, 2021. She was born to Genevieve Fergusen and Leon Allen. On her journey in this world, she met the love of her life Melvin Kelliehan. They married young and together nurtured and loved their children Dawn Miree and Troy Kelliehan Sr.

Deidra lovingly known as Nana, Aunt DeeDee and Nurse K, was a fashionista with her sewing and crocheting skills. She was also known as the lady with many hats. DeeDee loved to garden. She was part of a garden group. From childhood she loved to dance. DeeDee's personality didn't lend itself to being shy or quiet. She was bold, fierce and outspoken. That tenacity lent itself to her pursuing a career in nursing.

While she had fight and fire in her spirit, as Nurse K, her service to her patients spoke volumes to the tender, kind and caring side of her soul. She worked in many hospitals in The Bronx and Manhattan. She also did private nursing before retiring in her long successful career.

Proceeding her into eternity was her mother and father, her husband, love and friend Melvin Kelliehan. DeeDee leaves to celebrate her life is her daughter, Dawn Miree and her son, Troy Kelliehan Sr., son-in-law Prince Anthony Sills, daughter-in-law Michelle Humphrey Kelliehan. DeeDee was blessed to be Nana to Misha Miree-Woods, Curtis Miree, Amir Sills, Troy Kelliehan Jr. and grandson-in-law Nisshan Woods. Also keeping DeeDee in memory and heart is her sister Michele Allen, niece Monique McCullough, nephew-in-law Robert McCulloch, her grand-niece Makayla McCullough and grand-nephew Makai McCullough. Also, to keep her memory are her sisters-in-law Carol Orange, Louise Rawlings and brother-in-law Walter Kelliehan Sr. and a host of more nieces, nephews and many many friends.

DeeDee leaves us with lasting memories that we can hold dear in our hearts.

# *Order of Service*

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## **Musical Selection**

“Why I Sing” as made popular by Kirk Franklin

## **Prayer**

Apostle Isiah Lewis, Jr,

## **Scripture**

Romans 8:35-39 read by Michele Allen

## **Obituary**

To be read by Monique McCullough

## **Musical Selection**

“Victory”

## **Open Reflections**

Two Minutes

## **Ministry of Comfort**

Pastor Karen-Vikki Lewis

## **Final Viewing**

## **Recessional**

*Interment*  

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Ferncliff Cemetery  
Hartsdale, New York

# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call;  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
to laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I've found now peace at the end of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;  
Oh yes, these things, I too will I miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
look for the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much;  
good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;  
don't lengthen your time with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now – He set me free.

## *Acknowledgments*

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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