

In Loving Memory of
Sonia Philpotts

Sunrise
November 2, 1966

Sunset
August 1, 2021



Service:
Saturday, August 21, 2021 - 11:30 am

McCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME
4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Eulogy For The Life Of Sonia Joy Philpotts

Sonia Joy Philpotts was born on November 2nd, 1966 in Birmingham England, to Clarence and Mildred Philpotts. Her dad wanted to name her Kimberley, her mom however won out in the Nomenclature Exercise. The Pseudonyms Kim and Kimmie were accepted as a compromise.

Whilst the “motherland” provided a safe haven for Sonia Joy in her formative years, it was Jamaica that was to shape and mold the ‘washbelly’ of the Philpotts. Early education in Jamaica began at Hilltop Preparatory. Venerable Educators like Mr. Edwards, Mrs. Anglin, and Mr. Abrahams provided stable pillars that firmly cemented their young student in the rigours of island education- even for the very young.

Success in the common entrance examination saw Sonia entering the Hallowed Halls Of Holy Childhood High Schools For Girls in 1978, under the astute guidance of Sister Stephanie. After graduation and before venturing off to Florida to pursue studies in business, she joined her sister and mother in the family business for a short time.

Being a spirited, independent and adventurous individual she returned to England in 1992. However, a cold, grey, and unfriendly England held no magic for her. After the warmth, love, and excitement of island life. After a brief stay in Florida and establishment of her own business venture in Jamaica she subsequently decided to settle in New York.

In 1996, she met the love of her life and lifelong partner Gary. The union produced two amazing children, Kyle and Tyler. She was extraordinarily proud of her children and spoke of them all the time. She devoted her life to being a super mom.

For well over two decades she worked in the hospitality industry. Being a dynamic defender of causes near and dear to her heart, she rose to the position of union delegate on her job.

Sonia Joy was called home to be with her heavenly father on Saturday, July 31st 2021. She is survived by her lifelong partner Gary, children Kyle and Tyler, brother Joshua Thomas, sister Maureen Shaw, nieces Renee, Jodian Simone, Allison, nephews Alex and Nicholas, grandnieces, cousins, and a host of other relatives and friends.

May her soul rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon her.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude:

“Blessed Assurance”

Processional:

“Amazing Grace”

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Psalm 91- Kyle Laidlaw(Son)

Old Testament: Isaiah 40: 26-31 - Jodi-Ann Smith(Sonia’s Niece)

Prayer of Comfort:

Donice Laidlaw(Gary’s Niece)/Kamala Brown(Gary’sNiece)

Selection:

Tyler (Pick): *“Jesus is Love”*

Mrs. Lyonns: *“I Bowed On My Knees And Cried Holy”* Michael English

Tributes:

Gary Laidlaw(Husband)

Richard Marshall(Brother)

Remembrance:

Ashley Creary(God Daughter)

Bianca Laidlaw(Gary’s Niece)

Eulogy:

Tyler Laidlaw(Daughter) /Ashley Creary (God Daughter)

Acknowledgments:

Selection:

“Pass Not Oh Gentle Savior”

Committal & Benediction:

Interment

Kensico Cemetery

Valhalla, New York

The One

The One that taught the lesson of life, love, and support.
The One showed 1 Corinthians 13:11 "When I was child, I spoke as child, I understood as child, I thought as child; but when I became man, I put away childish things. Thank you for allowing me to become a better man as I grow. Thank you for your patience and grace.

The One.

The jokes and laughter shared our sense of humor together.

The laughter shared.

Yes, The One.

The one I would joke with and say, "I would be able to live in this life without you". I discovered I was wrong and you were right yet again.

The one that made me father again of two precious gifts from God.

The one that God perfectly designed for me. Just like he made Eve for Adam God design you for me.

The one that made sure I stayed down to earth
and never got a big head.

The one I looked forward to spending the rest of life with because the first 25 years were blissfully filled with joy and laughter.

The one that held the soft hello's and warm goodbyes

The one I will miss forevermore

The one I looked forward to seeing again in my next year.

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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