

In Loving Memory of JOAN DUKE

Sunrise
June 15, 1943

Sunset
August 13, 2021



Service

Saturday, August 28, 2021

Viewing: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Funeral Service: 11:00 a.m.

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Father Jeffry Dillon, Officiating

Eugene Reid, Organist

Order of Service

Processional

Selection.....“Ave Maria” - Eugene Reid

Scripture ReadingsFather Jeffry Dillon

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-7

Prayer of ConsolationFather Jeffry Dillon

Selection.....“Take My Hand Precious Lord” - Eugene Reid

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection.....“Amazing Grace” - Eugene Reid

EulogyFather Jeffery Dillen

Viewing

BenedictionFather Jeffry Dillon

Recessional

Interment

Pinelawn Memorial Park
Farmingdale, New York

Obituary

Joan Duke was born in Trinidad June 15th, 1943 as Mary Crecentia Wharff to Juliana Wharff. Since her mother was unmarried she subsequently gave her up for adoption. While she was a teenager she learned that she was adopted and found out who her biological mother and father were and learned that she had brothers and sisters from both sides. Her mother had six more children and her father had seven more children.

Joan as everyone came to call her got married in Trinidad and had two children, Heather and Steve. Shortly after she had the two children she separated from her husband and came to the United States in the early 1970's. She worked as a maid and babysitter for a few years, divorced her husband and got a green card to stay legally in this country. She had two more children, Shawn and Errol. She worked at a senior retirement home in the Dietary Department and at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center of New York in various departments for many years until she retired in 2008 as an aide in the Ambulatory Surgical Unit. She was responsible for prepping patients and attending to them post operatively. Her love for St. Vincent's hospital was unconditional. Once she retired, she decided to do a lot of travelling and just enjoy the fruits of her labor.

Joan was a very caring person; she would do anything for family and friends. Almost all of her siblings when they first came to this country stayed with her until they could get their own place. She would also send many barrels down to Trinidad to help take care of her siblings. Her friends and all who knew her can attest to her loving caring nature; she always had a smile or a helping hand for someone. She always liked to have her hair and nails done. On special occasions, she enjoyed making homemade bread and seasoning. She enjoyed going to church, the senior center, going on vacation and socializing with her friends and family.

She will be missed dearly. Joan passed away on August 13, 2021. She is survived by her four children, Steve, Heather, Shawn and Errol, her five grandchildren, Nicole, Janelle, Tiffany, Tameka and Ahmad and two great grandchildren Kai and Parker. She is also survived by five of her siblings on her father's side and four on her mother's side.

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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