

Celebrating the Life of



Neyda DelaRosa

March 12, 1958 - August 22, 2021

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 - 5PM

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Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, Officiating

Obituary

Neyda DelaRosa was a loving Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt and Friend. Neyda was born in San Juan de la Maguana, Dominican Republic on March 12, 1958, to Lucinda Asuncion Reyes and Gabriel DelaRosa. She is survived by her siblings, four who reside in the United States, Angela DelaRosa, Victoria Cruz, Johnny Lopez, and Erica Lopez Rivera. Neyda also has eight siblings who reside in Dominican Republic, Francisco DelaRosa, Clodomiro DelaRosa, Rafael DelaRosa, Ricardo DelaRosa, Ruben DelaRosa, Flor DelaRosa, Silvio DelaRosa; and sadly Samuel DelaRosa who passed away in an accident.

Neyda moved to New York City when she was 16 years old. She married Albert Leroy Barksdale and raised Arlene Lucinda Barksdale-Bonhomme and subsequently married Michael Driscoll and raised Michelle Christine Driscoll. Neyda was blessed with one son-in-law, Clifford Jeffrey Bonhomme and her beloved grandchild, Mibella Neyda-Marie Bonhomme.

Neyda dedicated her life to her family and her career. After finishing her Bachelor's Degree at Boricua College, Neyda began her teaching career at the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) where she dedicated much of her life, time, and efforts to nurturing and ensuring her "kids" as she would affectionately call them, were loved, and treated with dignity and respect. Neyda was dedicated and passionate to serving people with developmental disabilities. She loved her job and had special bonds with her students and many of her colleagues who became an extended family.

As many of you know, Neyda was a force to be reckoned with but nevertheless loved by many! She loved her neighborhood, Morningside Heights and her Columbia University neighbors and friends. Neyda loved music and watching her Saturday programs such as Sabado Gigante, cartoons and comedies. She loved listening to Lionel Richie, Elvis Presley, Willie Nelson, Marvin Gaye and many more.

More than anything, Neyda wholeheartedly loved her family! She loved talking about her daughters' achievements and took pride in their accomplishments and growth. Her pride and joy were her kids and granddaughter, Mibella with whom she had a very special bond and relationship. Neyda enjoyed her weekly visits with her granddaughter, Mibella, taking Mibella to the park and sneaking candy and toys into Mibella's backpack and bedroom.

Neyda was a strong and generous woman with a no-nonsense stance on life. Although she endured a lifelong battle with mental illness, she was a fighter and fought the good fight to the very end. Neyda's greatness was her love for family and friends. She will be missed but never forgotten. Sleep in peace our Dear Angel. We know you are watching over us and expect nothing short of greatness from us all.

We Love You Mommy / Nana!

Order of Service

Scripture Readings

Felipe & Adelyana Reyes

Prayer

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

Memories & Musical Dedication

Reading of Obituary

Albert Leroy Barksdale

Acknowledgement of Cards and Condolences

Poem/Dedication: Arlene Bonhomme

“I am Learning How to Live”

James Wysocki

Family Friends Dedication

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

Benediction



I Am Learning How To Live

by Jamey Wysocki

I am learning how to live
In a new way
Since that day
You were taken away.

I am learning how to live
With the things left unsaid
Knowing I got to say them
With every tear that I shed.

I am learning how to live
By embracing the pain
Knowing that you live on
Through the memories that remain.

I am learning how to live
Knowing I will never again see your face
And I have peace knowing
You're in a better place.

I am learning how to live
Knowing you're in God's care
It gives me the strength to move on
And makes the pain much easier to bear.

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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