

In Loving Memory of



Margaret J. Da-Costa-Holt

Sunrise
July 6, 1930

Sunset
September 21, 2021

Service:
Tuesday, September 28, 2021 - 11:30 am

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Pastor Terry Starks, Officiating
Minister Kevin Wade, Organist

Obituary

Margaret Jane DaCosta Holt was born in New York City on July 6, 1930, to Jose DaCosta and Ethel Moore. Raised in the South Bronx with her 10 siblings, she grew up on 170th street and attended Elementary School P.S. 23, Junior High School P.S. 40, and James Monroe High School.

Margaret was a fun-loving child who loved to laugh, dance, and had a silly side. She enjoyed playing tennis in school, swimming, and spending time with her mom. She unfortunately lost her mother at the tender age of 10, which impacted her greatly. She was supported by her father and older siblings at that time.

In 1946, Margaret met her beloved husband Oscar Holt Jr. They were married on July 20, 1947, when Margaret was 17 years old. They were married for 27 years and had 7 beautiful children. They raised their family in the Bronx River Projects, building 1575. In 1972 they moved their family to the Parkchester section of the Bronx. Sadly, her husband passed away shortly after in 1974. Left to continue to raise her four youngest children by herself, she started working in the Parkchester Laundromat. In 1975, she earned her GED.

While Margaret always had a love and reverence for the Lord, it wasn't until she was introduced to the teaching ministry of Dr. Fredrick K.C. Price, a Pastor from California, that her faith really began to grow. She started watching his television service in 1978 and shared it with her family. She gave her life to Jesus at one of Dr. Price's crusades in New Brunswick, New Jersey. When Dr. Price established Crenshaw Christian Center East in New York City, Margaret became a member and began serving in the nursery doing what she loved best, teaching children.

In 1980, Margaret started taking courses at Queens College through the Adult College Education Program. In 1984, she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Management. Shortly after, she attended a job fair looking for work in the health field. However, she was recruited to become a teacher. Margaret began her teaching career in 1985 at C.S 150 in the South Bronx. While teaching she began taking courses at Lehman College and in 1989, she obtained her Master's Degree in Elementary Education. She accomplished all of this while getting her youngest child through high school and starting college.

Margaret was loved by her students and school community. Many parents pushed for their children to be in her class. She was known to receive accolades for having the best class performances in the school. Her illustrious career spanned 15 years until she retired in the year 2000. After retirement, Margaret still had a desire to teach and be with children. She began working as a substitute teacher and got a recurring assignment at P.S. 106 in Parkchester for several years.

Margaret also began immersing herself in her father's Brazilian culture. He was born in Brazil and emigrated to the United States as a young man. She was fortunate enough to visit her father's hometown of Maranhão in 1996. In honor of her Brazilian heritage, Margaret would attend the yearly Brazilian Day Parade in New York City. She loved and learned to make the popular Brazilian dish, feijoada. Margaret also loved the ballet and was a season ticket holder of the New York City Ballet.

Margaret loved her family and was proud of them. She leaves to cherish her memory her seven children, Althea Donnelley, Oscar Holt III, Mina Holt-Andrews, Steven Holt, Ethel Smiley, Brian Holt, and Kimberly Holt, 17 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 1 great-great granddaughter, CeeCee. She also leaves behind her two sisters Ethel DaCosta-Archer and Lolita DaCosta, as well as a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives, loved ones and beloved friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude
Minister Kevin Wade

Processional

Invocation
Pastor Terry Starks

Selection
Minister Kevin Wade

Scripture Readings
Pastor Terry Starks
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer Of Comfort
Pastor Terry Starks

Selection
Minister Kevin Wade

Remarks
Limit To Two (2) Minutes Each

Reading Of Obituary

Selection
Minister Kevin Wade

Eulogy
Pastor Terry Starks

Committal & Benediction
Pastor Terry Starks

Remarks By Funeral Director

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Long Island National Cemetery
Farmingdale, New York

Psalms 91

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Acknowledgments

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