

*Celebration Of Life*  
*Vivian Nadine (McKinnis) - Croswell*

**Sunrise**  
**February 28, 1966**

**Sunset**  
**October 6, 2021**



**Saturday, October 23, 2021**  
**Homegoing Ceremony 12:00 PM - 2:00PM**

**Saint John's Baptist Church**  
**525 Bramhall Avenue**  
**Jersey City, New Jersey 07304**  
*Reverend Frances Teabout, Pastor*



# Obituary

On February 28, 1966, **Vivian Nadine (McKinnis)-Croswell** was born at the Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital in Jersey City. She was the daughter of Lillian Oniel McKinnis-Croswell, who presently resides in Montgomery, Alabama. Vivian's Mother is the eldest of eight children. Two were born to the late George McKinnis Jr. and (Lillie) Inez Russell of Enterprise, Alabama. After the death of Vivian's maternal grandfather, George McKinnis Jr, Vivian's maternal grandmother married the late William Holloway, Sr. from whom six children were born, William Jr, Russell, Melvin, Evelyn, Marilyn and Gwendolyn Holloway. Vivian's mother and maternal grandparents are former residents of Enterprise, Alabama. Vivian's father, the late Elder Willie Frank Croswell was born in Troy Alabama and is one of four children, born to the late Ella Kelly of Troy, Alabama: Ruby Simmons/VA is the oldest sibling, Francis Mitchell and Lee Kelly Jr of Jersey City are both deceased.

Vivian graduated with Honors/Saludatorian from Academic High School in Jersey City and received her Bachelors Degree in 1989 from The University of Notre Dame in South Bend Indiana. Prior to her Multiple Sclerosis diagnosis in 1992, Vivian was employed as a Quality Control Analyst by InterBake Foods in Linden, New Jersey. Vivian's hobbies were designing and sewing Formal Dresses on a Singer Sewing Machine, Landscape Oil Painting and Afro Braiding. Vivian 's Greatest LOVE was being # 2 Mother of her niece Brianne and nephews (David)Anthony and (George) Brandon!

Vivian had an unwavering faith in God and attended church until her health failed. On October 6, 2021, Vivian Nadine (McKinnis)-Croswell made her earthly transition to her heavenly home to be with Our Lord. Vivian's Memory will be cherished by her loving Mother and devoted sister Lianna Janine (McKinnis)-Croswell, niece, Brianne and nephews David and George Croswell. Vivian is also mourned by her sister Yolanda Croswell/Mother: Rosa Croswell

## A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO VIVIAN'S SISTER FROM THEIR MOTHER

Lianna Jesus said: There exists no greater love than to lay down your life for a friend and the Bible also says..... everything will pass away but these three will remain, faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is LOVE. For the past 21 Years, YOU LOVED and took care of YOUR YOUR SISTER VIVIAN, THANK YOU!

May this TRIBUTE become a RECORD FOR POSTERITY!

## Special Acknowledgments from Vivian's Mother:

Thank you, my precious sister Evelyn for making Vivian's Final days so filled with happiness and joy. Vivian told me that she was "HAPPY" living with you, and although my heart ached, wanting Vivian to be with me in her final days, I was happy, she was HAPPY with you! A Very Special Thank you to Nancy, my late brother, (William) Billy's granddaughter and my great, great niece. I will always honor you for being by Lianna's side, when the earth stood still, and her heart shattered!

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude ..... Near The Cross  
Processional ..... Clergy and Family Scripture Reading  
Old Testament .....(Psalm 23)  
New Testament.....(I Timothy 6:6-8)

Congregation Recital:  
The Lords Prayer  
Our Father who set in heaven  
hallowed be the name.  
They kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power  
and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen

Musical Selection..... Amazing Grace  
\*\*\*Family Tributes ..... Family and Friends  
Musical Selection..... Precious Lord

A FAMILY TRIBUTE  
Musical Selections, Poetry Reading, Reflections and  
Soloist of Vivian's Most Beloved Songs

## A MOTHER'S TRIBUTE

Ministry of Comfort..... Reverend Francis Teabout  
*St. John's Baptist Church, Pastor*  
Musical Selection..... His Eye Is On The Sparrow  
Final Viewing Musical Selection ..... Amazing Grace  
Recessional Music ..... Near The Cross

***A MESSAGE FROM VIVIAN 'S MOTHER  
V, if love could have kept you here, you would  
have lived forever.***

***A MESSAGE FROM V: "I LOVE YOU  
Mommy  
AND THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO  
ABOUT IT"!***

***Acknowledgements***

*From Lillian Oniel McKinnis/Mother*

*My sincerest respect and heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Kenneth Cattenhead,  
Executive Director of The Family Funeral Home for his patient and outstanding  
professional service in this the most sorrowful time of my last seven-eight years.*

*Thank You!*

*And also to the Discover Bank and Credit Card Company that provided a special  
account for me to pay for Vivian's  
HomeGoing Services.*

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