

In Loving Memory of



Denise M. Burgess

Sunrise: March 22, 1962 Sunset: October 26, 2021

Service:

Saturday, November 20, 2021 - 10 AM

St. Joseph of the Holy Family

405 West 125th Street, New York, New York

Obituary

Denise Marilyn Burgess was born in Belize City, Belize on March 22, 1962 to Enid and Melvin Burgess who are both deceased.

Denise grew up in Belize City where she attended John Wesley Elementary School before migrating to the United States at a young age. She attended Public School 144 in Harlem, New York, then Wadleigh Junior High School and Brandeis High School in Manhattan. She took College courses at the Theresa Building on 125th Street and Seventh Avenue, New York City. Denise worked as a Manager at a McDonald's franchise before striving for her true calling – caring for children. She worked at Battery Park Children's Daycare for many years and currently as head teacher at Children's Rescue Fund in lower Manhattan.

Denise loved fashion from head to toe (aka fly girl) and travelling. She was very outgoing and outspoken – telling you exactly how she felt – a true no nonsense stand-up person. If you were good with her, she had your back.

Denise was loved by many, misunderstood by some, respectful, but could be disrespectful. You would always want her by your side because she was a ride or die. She was a very generous person to those who showed her love.

Denise leaves behind to cherish her loving memory two sons: Stevon and Darnell Harris. Her siblings: Godfrey Grant, Melvin Burgess, Jr., Cynthia Moss and Janet Lovell. She will also be mourned by her aunts, uncle, nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, in-laws and a host of family members and friends.

May her soul rest in peace.

Funeral Mass

Introduction

Entrance Hymn..... “Amazing Grace”

Greetings

Sprinkling with Holy Water Placing of the Pall

Liturgy of the World

First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9.....Osborne Moss

Responsial Psalm

Second Reading: 1 Corinthian 12:31-13;8a..... Brittney Hemmans

Gospel.....Father Speaks

Prayer of Intercession

Offertory Hymn “I Look To You” - Agela Moddest

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar

Eucharist Prayer

Song”I Won’t Complain” - Barry Parker

Reading of Obituary.....Melvin Burgess, Jr.

Final Commendation

Song of Farewell and Icence

Prayer of Commendation

Recessional Hymn..... “It Is Well”

Interment:

Maple Grove Cemetery
Hackensack, New Jersey

The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.
-Author unknown

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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