

*In Loving
Memory
of*



Rosa Banks Kemp

Sunrise
April 22, 1942

Sunset
December 11, 2021

Service:
Saturday, December 18, 2021 - 12:00 pm

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Rev. Deborah Jenkins, Officiating

Obituary

Rosa Lee Banks-Kemp, affectionately called “Monte” by her grands and great-grands, was born in Denmark, South Carolina, on April 22, 1942, to the late Almeter Banks Gloster (Aunt Bay and Ma) and the late Johnnie Steward, Sr. Rosa is the oldest child of Ma’s four children.

Rosa decided to relocate to New York in the early 60’s, to broaden her horizons and experience a different setting. Two year later, she was joined in holy matrimony to her childhood friend, the late George E. Kemp in Harlem, NY on June 30, 1962 until his death on March 16, 1970 in Brooklyn, New York. Prior to George’s death, they gave birth to three girls. After his death, Rosa decided to relocate to the Bronx to be closer to family, and to give herself and her three girls a better environment.

Rosa held a Bachelors’ degree in Early Childhood Education and a Master’s degree in Administration. Over the course of her life, she held numerous positions as a social worker and in the New York City Department of Education system as a public school teacher.

She embodied excellence, elegance and instilled the importance of education to all her loved ones. Rosa had a dream of creating a women’s group, which catered to single women and offer encouragement, support and guidance. She served as a board member for a non-for-profit organization, which provided afterschool services to inner-city children in the Bronx.

Rosa became a member of Christ United Church in the 80’s, where she served as an active member of the choir and the women’s group, until she could no longer physically attend. She began to suffer from mini strokes in 2005, which ultimately triggered dementia. Rosa peacefully transitioned on December 11, 2021 surrounded by family. She is preceded in death by her brother, Willie “Week” Lee Banks.

Rosa was very family oriented, and was known to host many gatherings, of which you were greeted with music, laughter, food and libation. She was also known to have a great sense of humor. She loved telling jokes, funny birthday cards and the funny pages of The Daily News.

Rosa leaves behind to continue on in her legacy: her daughters, Sharon, Alicia “Lici” and Anna “Georgie,” her grandchildren, Tameka “Munch” and Asia, her great-grandchildren, Tyler and Riley, her sister, Alwillie “Aunt Al,” her brother, Leonidas “Pop,” an aunt Dellar and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and loved ones.

Order of Service

Processional..... Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-4.....Tis'je Ingram

New Testament: John 14:27 Laverne Scott

Words or Prayer of Comfort..... Felisia Freeman

Reflections..... Sister V

Acknowledgement, Condolences & Remarks..... Wanda Lawrence

Church Resolutions..... Alicia Kemp

Reading of Obituary..... Asia Kemp

Eulogy..... Rev. Deborah D. Jenkins

Benediction

Recessional

Disposition

Saturday, December 20, 2021

Ferncliff Cemetery
Hartsdale, New York

Miss Me But, Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room, Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long, and not with your head bowed low.*

*Remember the love that we once shared, Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take, and each must go alone.*

*It's all part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart, go to the friends we know.*

Laugh at the things we use to do Miss me-but let me go.

-author unknown

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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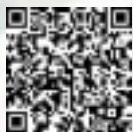
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