

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!
-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Vanessa L. McDaniel** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.
May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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Celebration of Life for

Vanessa L. McDaniel

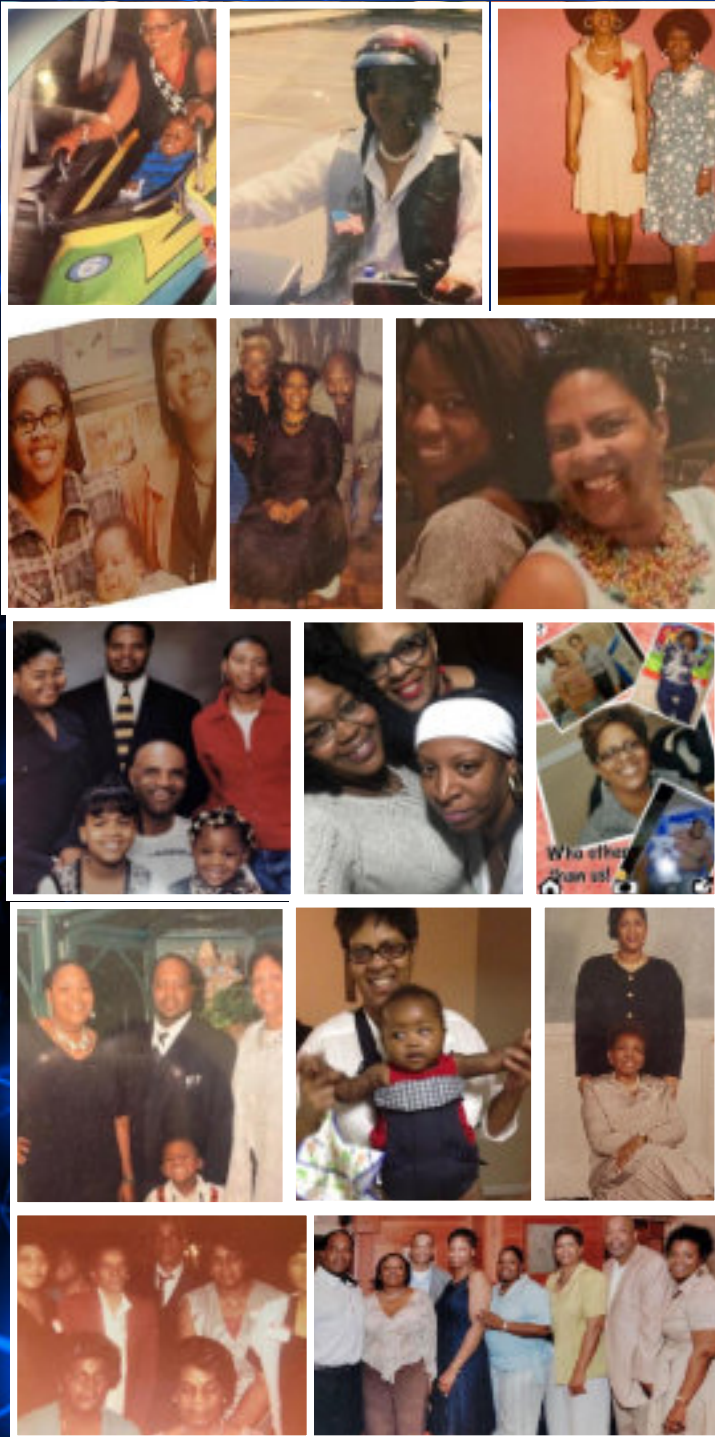
"Van"

Sunrise:
September 28, 1954

Sunset:
January 26, 2022

Sunday, February 6, 2022 - 5:00 pm

Canaan Baptist Church
535 E. 22nd Street, Paterson, NJ
Rev. Barry L. Graham, Pastor
Bishop Norman L. Prescott, Officiating
Jordan Randolph, Organist



Obituary

Vanessa Lorraine McDaniel of Paterson, New Jersey affectionately known as “Van” was born on Tuesday, September 28, 1954, to the late Margaret A. (Massaker) McDaniel and Eugene McDaniel.

2 Timothy 4:7 says “I have fought a good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. On Wednesday, January 26, 2022, God called our beloved Vanessa from labor to reward at Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, New Jersey.

Vanessa attended Paterson public school system where she graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in 1972. She went on to attend William Paterson University where she received a degree in Business Administration. During this time Vanessa gave birth to her first child, Elder Jacques McDaniel. She continued to raise her young son while working for the City of Paterson as an Administrative Clerk. Shortly after Vanessa began to work for Syed Ahmad Perfume Company in Clifton, New Jersey as an Administrative Assistant. Vanessa was known for her sense of fashion and style. She soon joined an organization called “The Ladies of Finesse.” Vanessa and Shelly Black along with other women would host fashion shows and modeling expos across the metropolitan area of New Jersey. Because of her love for style and fashion, Vanessa also entered the clothing industry as a department manager for Macy’s. Vanessa’s stylishness flair was conveyed in everything from clothing, to make-up, coordination of colors, patterns, and designs; her expressions were all about fashion. Shortly after, Vanessa began working for the City of Paterson, New Jersey as an Administrative Clerk and was blessed with her second bundle of joy her beautiful daughter Ashley Q. Mance. She then decided it was time for a career change. Vanessa made a leap of faith and entered Law Enforcement as a Corrections Officer for the Passaic County Sherriff’s Department. Even as a Corrections Officer she still carried herself with style, class, and elegance. From an early age, Vanessa had a love for God, her upbringing was a Catholic from Our Lady of Victory, of Paterson New Jersey. Vanessa felt a pulling towards the Church of God In Christ “C.O.G.I.C.” Church. She joined Gilmore Memorial Tabernacle Church of God in Christ Church where the late Reverend Dr. Allene Gilmore was Pastor. As a member, Vanessa became more involved with the Women’s Ministry, and other ministries where her love and gift for fashion would flourish. Vanessa then looked back into the role of a government employee and went to work at the Post Office as a Shop Steward, Mail Clerk, and Union Representative. She also joined an organization called The Women of Divine Destiny where the founder is Dr. Kim Yancy James. Vanessa traveled and helped whenever possible at the different Women’s Conferences. Continuing her growth and hunger for things of the Lord, Vanessa

joined Trinity Temple Church of God In Christ in Montclair New Jersey under the leadership of Bishop Norman Prescott. Because of her love for her Bishop and First Lady, Vanessa served on the Hospitality and Pastor’s Aide ministry. Vanessa’s relationship grew stronger in the Lord and so did her faith as a follower of Jesus Christ. During this time, Vanessa’s blessings grew even more with three beautiful grandchildren. Her youngest grandson, Malachi Lyde, whom she so affectionately called “The Little Person” became her trusted Doctor and Nurse as he helped his grandmother with her day-to-day activities. Throughout the eighteen years of working with the Postal Service, Vanessa formed several life-long friendships with Sediqua Perry, Margaret Frazier, Latoya Davis, and Tina Crenshaw as well as many others.

Vanessa, with her adventurous spirit, loved traveling and experiencing new ventures. She traveled to places like the islands of Bahamas, Jamaica, Turks, and Mexico along with the Beaches of Florida. Vanessa had an incredible and unique relationship with her two children. She was either traveling to different churches with one or exploring new fashion and style with the other. Her love for them had no bounds and they were her greatest accomplishments.

Vanessa’s memories will be cherished by her son Elder Jacques McDaniel, daughter Ashley Q. Mance. Lifelong friend Tyrone Mance. Grandsons; Rev. Reakwon (Shenka) Evans, Malachi O. Lyde. Granddaughter, Quinaya McDaniel. She also had two Great-grandchildren Makayla McDaniel, A’vante Rice Evans. Siblings, Brother, Carl McDaniel, Sisters Tamira (Bruce) Mosely, Quinn Lewis. Nieces, Nyree, Christine, Nequita, Jocelyn aka Fashionista, Mekaela. Nephews, Joshua, Cameron. Great Nephews, Zaire, Mekhi, Kaden, DJ, Zechariah. Great Niece, Khia. Two Goddaughters, Chevisa Harkley, Elyssa Barba-Bey. Two aunts, Jenny Harkley, Gerri Taylor. God-sister, Terricka Ladson. Trinity Temple Church of God In Christ church family and host of family and friends.

Preceding her in death are, Sister Alicia J. McDaniel, Maternal grandparents, the late William H. Massaker and Evelyn M. Gibbs Massaker. Paternal grandparents, the late Houston McDaniel and Mable McDaniel. Special cousin and friend the late Karen Davis.

This tenacious, strong, resilient, complicated, tell it like it is, caring, beautiful, elegant, prestigious, talented, wise, stylish, daughter, sister, cousin, mother, aunt, grandmother, great grandmother, sister-in-law, and friend was a real gem. She was and still is a gift from God and will forever be missed. Rest on my sister and thank you for the legacy you have left us! We love you!

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Clergy

Scripture Reading
Old Testament -Pastor DuBose
New Testament -Minister Bruce Mosley

Prayer of Comfort -Overseer D’Andra Johnson

Selection- Felicia Farrar

Reflections, Acknowledgements & Obituary -
Trenace Barbee-Watkins

Selection- William Moore

Tribute- Heidi Davis-Brown

Remarks (two minutes)

Sermonic Selection
Elder Lorraine Stancil-Lawson

Eulogy- Bishop Norman L. Prescott

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment
Monday, February 7, 2022 - 11:00 am
Cedar Lawn Cemetery
Paterson, New Jersey