

Celebrating the Life of



*Christine
Mayes*

Sunrise: November 29, 1966 - Sunset: May 15, 2022

Monday, May 23, 2022 - 10am

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Obituary

Christine Mayes was born on November 29, 1966 in New York, NY to Emily and James Mayes. She was the youngest of four children. Christine gained her wings on May 15, 2022.

Christine attended John F. Kennedy High School. A few years after she graduated, she went on to have her only child, Marjorie. Christine tried her hand at several jobs, with her last one being a school lunch helper. As a child she attended St. Stephen's United Methodist Church. Later she would attend First Corinthian Baptist Church. When she could no longer attend church, she had it at home. She would listen to sermons and gospel music, with Shirley Caesar being her favorite.

Christine was a free spirit who loved her family. She loved God, her old school hip hop, food and taking pictures. When her mother Emily passed away, she was raised by her sister Marjorie. Marjorie raised Christine alongside her four kids, Laverne (Shorty), Brian, Johnny, and Robert and her niece, Tanisha (Mookie). Even though she was their aunt, they were raised like brothers and sisters. They were always together. She loved on her younger nephew Robert and he was the one to gave her the name Aunt Nene.

Christine loved to party, sing and dance. She loved all genres of music, but old school Hip Hop was her favorite. Her all time favorite song was Rapper's Delight by The Sugarhill Gang. There was never a time when she wasn't ready, willing, and maybe not always able to sing the 15-minute song. She enjoyed going to the summer concerts at Crotona Park with her nephew Brian to see her favorite old school artists. Whenever she went somewhere, she would be with Shorty, Stacie, and Mookie. You would also see her with her best friend of over 40 years, Jo'Carol. One of them was never far away.

When Christine had her only daughter Marjorie, she was over the moon with joy. She had her "Baby Girl" as she would call her. She watched her accomplish so much and when she graduated with her Master's degree last May, she was beaming with joy. The other love of her life was her grandson Christopher. She loved her little boy. She would play her old school tunes and they would sing and dance together all the time. She loved making videos of him singing. Even with this new generation, she created a few TikTok videos with him.

Christine was preceded in death by her parents, Emily and James Mayes, her brother, Michael Mayes, and her sister, Marjorie Wilson.

Christine leaves to celebrate her life and cherish her memory: her daughter, Marjorie; grandson, Christopher; brothers, Horace, James and Willie; sisters, Barbara, Cathy and Eleanor; her Aunt Alice; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

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Woodlawn Mausoleum
Bronx, New York



Come to Me

God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So He gently closed those loving eyes
And whispered "Come to me"
The days of toil and nights of pain
The weary hours have passed
The patient gentle worn out frame
Has found sweet rest at last.
Day and night we stood by her
And saw her in pain,
Anxiously awaiting her cure
But our waiting was in vain.
God who knoweth all things best
Eased her suffering, gave her rest
She is gone but not forgotten,
Never will our memories fade
Sweetest thoughts of her will ever linger
Round the place where she rests.

-Author unknown

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