

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Brenda Valentine*

**April 23, 1969 - December 2, 2022**

# Obituary

*“A life needs not to be measured by the number of years lived, but by contribution of an individual.”*

**Brenda Valentine** was born on April 23rd, 1969 in the village of Mahaut Dominica West Indies.

She lived the first 6 years of her life in Portsmouth where her grandmother Lucy Anthony took care of her. At age 7 she joined her 2 sisters in Mahaut, where they stayed with their grandma Mavis Angol and looked out and took care of one another until they migrated to NY in 1986 to join their Mother.

Brenda graduated from Evander Childs HS in 1989 where she took an interest in writing and then went to college in Farmingdale Long Island where she took up Business. Brenda worked as the HR Manager in many of her professional positions and later passed the exam for a NY State which landed her a position at the Town Of Rye.

She enjoyed traveling, sewing, baking and cooking. Brenda went out of her way to help others even at her own expense. Brenda was a determined and persistence young lady there's nothing she couldn't do no matter how hard a job she would try it. Even during her illness she wanted to do everything for herself. One would ask her if she need anything or help and she would say “ no I got it it's ok!

Despite her busy schedule, Brenda was dedicated and devoted to her family especially her daughter Shakeema. She played an active role in her daughters life until her death. She was a loving and caring mother, daughter, sister, and auntie.

She died peacefully on December 3, 2022 at the Calvary Hospital in Bronx. She will never be forgotten.

Left to celebrate her life are: Her daughter Shakeema, Parents Christaney & Edward Valentine, Siblings Cheryl, Franklyn, Christine, LeRoy, Niece Kari LaRonde and Nephew Karim LaRonde and GodDaughter Clerise

*Celebration of Life*  
*Friday, December 30, 2022 - 1:00 pm*

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*Order of Service*

Opening Prayer  
Pastor Carol Stratchan

Scripture Reading  
*Adolphia Valentine*  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Selection

Obituary  
*Karim Laronde*

Reflections

Selection

Eulogy  
*Pastor Rico Stratchan*

Committal

Benediction

Final Viewing  
As Directed By T. Carrillo Funeral Service

Recessional

# *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



# *Acknowledgment*

The family 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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