

Celebrating the Life of



Darlene Whitaker

SUNRISE: January 19, 1956

SUNSET: April 6, 2023

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 - 10am

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Obituary

Darlene Whitaker was born in New York City on January 19, 1956. She was the first of five children born to parents, Juanita and William Whitaker, Sr.

Darlene grew up in Harlem at General Grant Houses, where she attended elementary and middle school. It is also where she formed many long lasting friendships.

Darlene attended New York City Public Schools at PS 125, JHS 43 and Central Commercial High School. She transferred to Louis D. Brandeis High School where she received her High School Diploma.

Later Darlene attended and completed the State University of New York-OIC Technical School in Harlem, where she studied Secretarial Science and received certification in Microsoft Office.

Darlene worked as a secretary for many years at various companies, two of which were Bank of America and AM New York.

Darlene's partner Joseph states: "Darlene you were the best thing to ever happen to me. I personally witnessed your sharing and caring and you will forever live on in my heart and the hearts of others."

Darlene was a kind and loving person who was always there for her family at holidays, birthdays and other events. She always made others feel loved and supported.

Darlene is preceded in death by her dad, William Whitaker, Sr., her sister, Denise Whitaker and her mom, Juanita Whitaker.

She leaves behind: one brother, William Whitaker, Jr.; two sisters, Diane Whitaker and Donna Whitaker-Brown; brothers-in-law, Joseph White and Greg Brown; sister-in-law, Katie Klauder; three nieces, Shareese Williams, Crystal Whitaker and Karrin Crain; one nephew, Nicholas Brown; two great nephews, Keion White and Jayden Whitaker; and four great nieces, Jaida, Jade, Jasmyne and Makaylah.

Order of Service

**Pastor Edgar Howard, Presiding
Manhattan Baptist Church**

Processional

Selection
Gary Anglin

Scripture Readings
Deacon Charles Gist

Prayer

Selection
Gary Anglin

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection
Gary Anglin

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

INTERMENT:
Maple Grove Park Cemetery
Hackensack, New Jersey



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 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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