

*In Loving Memory*  
*Robyn Parchment*

**August 30, 1961 - December 4, 2023**



***Thursday, December 14, 2023***

***Viewing: 9:00 am - 11:00 am***

***Service: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm***

***Convent Avenue Baptist Church***

***420 W 145th St, New York, NY 10031***

# Obituary

**Robyn Renae Walker Parchment**, affectionately nicknamed Tricky by her brother Robert, was born Wednesday on August 30th, 1961, at Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital in Harlem, New York. Robyn was the youngest of George and Genevieve Walker's two children.

It didn't take long for her family to recognize some of the special traits that stayed with Robyn all her life: characteristics that at the time seemed to be in contrast. She was highly intelligent, but not cerebral; direct yet encouraging; fun-loving and reserved, proud yet humble. Her integrity, compassion, and ability to solve problems earned her respect and trust from family and friends.

Robyn was a product of New York City's public school system. She attended primary and secondary school in Manhattan where she excelled in mathematics and music. At her graduation from Martin Luther King High School she received the Mathematics Gold Medal for 4 years of consistent excellence in Mathematics. She was an accomplished flautist who served on her school band and was selected to play the flute at her own graduation. Robyn received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and Mathematics from Pace University and a Masters of Arts degree from the City College of New York in Math Education.

In her sophomore year at Pace, she followed in her mother's footsteps by successfully pledging the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She often talked about how the sisterhood shaped her college experience into something pretty amazing. Robyn always encouraged her daughter to "have sweet dreams of AKA pink and green!" Just before her hospitalization in April of 2023, Robyn indicated that she was planning to join the Queens graduate chapter of her sorority.

Robyn worked throughout high school and college. Her first job after graduating from college was at Dunn and Bradstreet where she served as a computer systems analyst. While she loved working with computers, she indicated that she didn't feel fulfilled. She left Dunn and Bradstreet and became a research assistant at Hamer Advertising and Marketing Agency. While at the agency, she visited her old high school, which was located nearby. Her former math teacher, who had become the head of the math department, suggested, that she might find teaching a more fulfilling career and invited her to return to MLK high school and teach. The rest was history.

Robyn loved teaching. It afforded her the opportunity to affect the lives of so many young people. She shared her time and resources to help her students solve real-life challenges.

Soon after the passing of her father, Robyn moved to Queens, where she eventually retired. Yes, she retired, but didn't stop serving. Robyn quickly became her block's resident math tutor to most of the children and a few adults. Teaching was her passion.

On December 19, 1998, Robyn married her soulmate, Ronald Anthony Parchment ("Tony") at Convent Avenue Baptist Church. Although their meeting was purely by chance, it must have been designed by God. Tony said he knew after taking one look at Robyn that he would make her his wife and life partner. And he did.

Robyn and Tony created an incredible blended family. Their union produced a precious daughter named Deborah. Like her mother, Deborah became a mathematics teacher in the New York City School public school system, where she serves as her school's 3rd grade math teacher. Tony has three children from a former relationship – Antonio, Sheryl and Natalie - that Robyn fully embraced and loved as though they were her own birth children.

Tony is an incredible well-respected Chef. He and Robyn, like her maternal grandparents loved hosting family feasts. Robyn usually served as Tony's sous-chef, responsible for incredible deserts, especially cakes. Her brother and nephews loved her yellow cake with chocolate icing. But the family favorite was her finger-licking, lip-smacking famous rum cake.

Robyn, a lifelong Christian, loved God and her family. She was a member of the Convent Avenue Baptist Church for nearly 30 years. She absolutely loved her church. She would always say "There is no place like Convent!"

Robyn will be remembered by her beloved husband Tony, adoring daughter, Deborah, son, Antonio, step-daughters Sheryl and Natalie, granddaughter Savannah, grandsons Shawn and Seven, her loving mother, Genevieve, her brother Robert, sister-in-law Gayle, nephews David and Daniel, her brother and sister-in-law Robert and Dawn Parchment, nephews Cleon and Simon, her aunt Daphney, her cousins MaeJean Robinson, Taylor-Ann, Tyler, and Rose Robinson, adopted aunts Joyce Hamer and Gloria Seward, and a host of many other loving relatives and close friends.

To God be the glory.

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Procession ..... Rev. Booker T. Morgan

Musical Selection..... “If I Can Help Somebody”

Prayer ..... Rev. Booker T. Morgan

Scriptures Reading:

Old Testament: Proverbs 31 NIV Verses 25-31 ..... Rose Robinson

New Testament: 2 Corinthians Chapter 5: 1-8 ..... Robert Parchment

Musical Selection..... “Amazing Grace”

Poem & Reflections ..... Daphney Garrison

Obituary ..... Joyce Hamer

Selection..... “How Great Thou Art”

Eulogy ..... Rev. Booker T. Morgan

Recession

Music Of Departure ..... “Going Up Yonder”



## Final Resting

**PINELAWN MEMORIAL PARK**

Farmingdale. NY





## Psalm 23

*The Lord is My Shepherd;  
I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path,  
of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through  
the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the  
presence of mine enemies.*

*Thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and  
mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



## Acknowledgment

*Our family wishes to express our heartfelt expression of love and  
gratitude for all the kindness bestowed upon us in our time of need.  
The Parchment Family*

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