



A Homegoing Service for
Linda Beatrice Campbell

Sunrise
July 20, 1956

Sunset
April 6, 2025

Service
Wednesday, April 16, 2025 - 11:30am

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Rev. Sheldon Williams, Officiating

Alshon Farley, Organist

Obituary

Linda Beatrice Campbell, the first child of Garna Campbell and the late Stanley Campbell, was born on July 20, 1956, in New York City. She departed this life on April 6, 2025, in Rockville, Maryland.

Linda spent her early years in New York City's Sedgwick Houses. The family then moved to the Wakefield section of the Bronx, NY. At her second home, in Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands, she spent many summers in the care of her grandmother, aunts, uncles and cousins. So many cousins! At one point in the mid-1970s, the family counted 43 first cousins.

After graduating from St. Hilda's and St. Hugh's High School in New York, she attended Syracuse University, earning her bachelor's degree in 1978.

She worked a plethora of temporary jobs before embarking on a 40-year career with IBM. Not one to give up easily when she believed she had a good thing, Linda began work in the mailroom at IBM's White Plains office. Because of her tenacity, ability to learn quickly and impeccable work ethic, she quickly moved up the ranks. At retirement, she was a computer test manager (programming), had received countless recognitions and awards within the company and had traveled the world.

Sewing was an important avocation for Linda, especially when she was in her teens and early twenties. During this period, she often sewed her own clothes. In addition, throughout her life she poured her creativity into gardening. She used her green thumb to grow fruits, vegetables and flowers in the Bronx. After retiring and relocating to Maryland, she took her love of gardening to a new level by earning training and certification as a master gardener. She spent many hours as a volunteer gardener, coach to new gardeners, judge of local gardens in Prince George's County, MD and had her own butterfly garden at her home.

Linda was deeply committed to her family and developed a reputation as a fierce fighter when relatives and friends needed an advocate. In retirement, she became the primary caregiver for her mother.

Linda is survived by her mother, Garna Campbell, her brother, Stanley Campbell, her sister, Carolyn Campbell-Flowe, her brother-in-law, Michael Flowe, her nephew, Jonathan Flowe, her goddaughter, Nanoi Francis, and a host of cousins and good friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Scripture Readings

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Tributes – Please hold to two minutes

Obituary Reading

Eulogy

Committal and Benediction

Remarks by Funeral Director

Recessional

Final Disposition

Beechwood Cemetery
New Rochelle, New York

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 paths 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.

Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit.
If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars;
you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you,
no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be,
and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with
your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful.
Strive to be happy.

— Max Ehrmann, 1927

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