

*In Loving Memory of*  
**ELIZABETH SAMANTHA**  
*Richardson*



**SUNRISE: May 3, 1953 - SUNSET: April 24, 2025**

**Saturday, May 10, 2025**  
**Viewing: 9am - 10am | Service: 10am**

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# Obituary

**Elizabeth Samantha Richardson** was born on May 3, 1953, in the Bronx, New York and passed away peacefully on April 24, 2025. She was a kind, loving, and incredibly strong woman who always put her family first. Liz was a loving mother to three children, Tanya, Cerrone, and Michael Jr.

She was a grandmother of eight wonderful grandchildren, Donnell Culpepper, Antonio Culpepper, Jr., Xyonna Carrera, Micah Wyche, Mekhi Wyche, Christian Wyche, Nahla Wyche, and Justin Wyche. Liz was a sister to five brothers, the late Thomas Smallwood, the late Michael Smallwood, Shameik Smallwood, the late Gregory Smallwood, and Robert Stapleton.

She was an aunt to a long host of nieces and nephews which she loved so very much. Spending time with her family brought her great joy.

Liz started her career as a Conductor at the New York City Transit Authority in 1987. After 26 years of service, she retired in the summer of 2013.

In the summer of 2024, she moved to Texas with close family where she enjoyed her final moments. Liz will forever be loved and missed by all those that knew her.

***Rest well beautiful Elizabeth. We love you.***

# *Order of Service*

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Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

## *Interment*

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Restland Memorial Park  
East Hanover, 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 his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah 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 savoured 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.

## 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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