

In Loving Memory of



Sunrise
April 22, 1964

Sunset
May 8, 2011

Ruth M. Jackson-Williams

Monday, May 16, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

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Obituary

Ruth Melodye Jackson-Williams was born on April 22, 1964 to Rosetta Jackson and Ike Jackson. Endearingly known as Melodye to those who knew and loved her, she grew up in Brooklyn, NY. She was very artistic and a strong swimmer.

Melodye attended Fashion Industries High School in New York, NY where she was known as a wonderful drawer. In 1998, she received her Bachelors in Education at the College of New Rochelle and went on to pursue her masters at Mercy College.

As a volunteer counselor at Bronx Lebanon Hospital, Melodye would meet her soul mate, Cedric Williams in 1991. Surprisingly they knew each other's families before meeting and their friendship would grow into a strong union of unconditional love and support that endured for 20 years.

Melodye taught at several schools in District 7 of the Bronx, NY but found her home at P.S. 29x where she worked for 10 years. She was adored by the staff for her loving and warm personality. She would give encouragement to the students by reminding them that if she could succeed in the environment she grew up in, they could too.

As a fashionista and diva, Melodye pampered herself by having her hair wash and set or by eating her favorite seafood, salmon or shrimps at A Taste of Seafood in Harlem. From Fendi to Gucci, she loved her designer handbags but as much as she treated herself good she also treated those around her the same way. Whether that meant driving you where you needed to go or doing what she could, she was there physically and emotionally with a comforting word or real advice with an honest and open opinion.

With an iPhone in one hand and her designer bag in the other, Melodye would tell you proudly and honestly, "I grew up in Brooklyn and I don't play that." She loved listening to Brian McKnight and Jaheim, playing her games on the computer, as well as spending time with her family, her husband who she affectionately called Cheb, and friends. Melodye was a survivor who never allowed an obstacle to defeat her spirit and tenacity. Even after a cancer diagnosis and a two-year battle with the disease, she overcame the odds to beat it with her motto, "God has a plan for me." She was a proud church member of Abundant Life.

On May 8, 2011, Ruth Melodye Jackson-Williams was called home to be with her heavenly father and is survived by a legacy of love including her husband, Cedric Willams; one son, Sean; her mother, Rosetta Jackson; two step-children, Cedric Williams Jr. and Cedrina Eyrb; one sister, Marcy; two nieces, Tiara and Tylah; one nephew, Anthony; two uncles, James and David Laury; mother-in-law, Vassie Williams; one godsister, Lynette Laury-Page; one godbrother, Mark Laury; three sisters-in-law, Patricia Williams, Iris Kelley, and Gwen Falero; and three brothers-in-law, Ronald and Raymond Williams, and Wilbert Baker, and a host of extended family and friends. She goes on to reunite with her father Ike Jackson and her brother Micheal Jackson.

Like the lyrics of a song, like the notes of a symphony, like a melody etched in our hearts, the spirit of her warmth, generosity, and love will live on with us forever and our memories of her will keep us dancing like the Melodye, the beautiful song she truly was.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Eulogy

Selection

Committal

Viewing

Recessional



Interment

Mt. Rest Cemetery
Butler, 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.

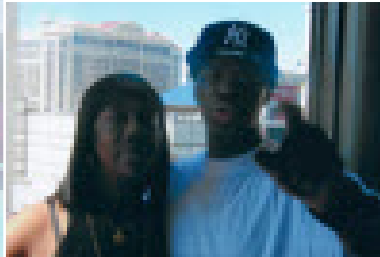
My life's been full, I savored much.

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!

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Acknowledgement

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and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.



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