

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Laraine Day Torrence-Sanz*

**Descended**  
June 7, 1955

**Ascended**  
March 6, 2012



**Service**

Saturday, March 10, 2012 12:00 Noon

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Minister Victor Little, Officiating*  
*Marvin Hadley, Organist*

## Obituary

**Ms. Laraine Day Torrence-Sanz** was the daughter of the late Harold Kenneth Torrence, Sr. and Gloria Annette Torrence, Sr. and was born at Elmhurst Hospital on June 7, 1955 in Queens, New York. Born 2nd of a set of triplets and six in a flock of twelve children. The family soon moved to Brooklyn (Ocean Hill Brownsville) New York where she found her love as an avid swimmer, ice skater, explorer of New York City, and an outdoor camper. She went to P.S. 155, JHS 271, and later Laraine graduated from Franklin K. Lane High School in Brooklyn, NY where she won many awards and was the captain of the swim team for two years. She extended free lesson to her loving nieces and nephews if you wanted them or not. Her brief marriage to her then childhood sweetheart Rafael Sanz I bought about the love of her life till the day she died her loving son Rafael Sanz II.

Laraine was employed at a private Post Office until her health began to fail her. In and out of the hospital many times due to complications of her diabetes, despite the fact she lost the battle with her eyesight, kidney function and required a tract to assist with her breathing, she never lost her fighting loving spirit nor her will to live. She was a strong determined fighter even to the end. We will surely miss her wit, smile and her loving present.

She leaves to cherish her fond and loving memory: her son, Rafael Sanz; brothers, Jackie (Janice), Leo (Agatha), Ronald (Gina), Louis (Cheryl); sisters, Juanita, Deborah (Carson), Jacqueline, and Tracey; nephews, David, Kevin, Andrey, Steven, Randy, Romell, Demario, and Rakim. Nieces Latanya, Kisha, Cinnamon, Melanie, Sarah, Lauren, Jazmine, Christina, Tiffany, Amber, Sydney and Reniya. Great nephews and nieces Dasani, Pierre, Joshua, Matthew, Darius, Devourer, Chyna, Pray, Kayla, Kameron and Kol. She also leaves to morn her forever loving full of wisdom Uncle Louie, her aunts, Liz and Lavern, and her friend till the end Mary Robinson.

She'll be received by her mother, Gloria Torrence; father Harold Torrence, Sister Gloria "Button" Torrence, Jr and brothers, Harold "Petey" Torrence and Willie Torrence, nephew, Darrick Torrence, daughter-in-law, Donette Sanz and grandson, Sean Michael Sanz with open arms and smile.

Laraine we will miss you "may your star shine bright in heaven"

# *Order of Service*

Processional ..... Marvin Hadley Organist

Scriptures of Comfort

Old Testament - Psalm 27:1-6

New Testament - Matthew 5:1-12

Prayer of Comfort ..... Minister Victor Little

Selection ..... (BIC) We Need Thee

Acknowledgement/Cards/Obituary ..... Tracey Torrence

Selection ..... (BIC) Trust in Jesus

Eulogy ..... Minister Victor Little

Final Selection ..... (BIC) Stand by Me

Final Viewing ..... Unity Chapel

Benediction ..... Unity Chapel

## **Interment**

Kensico Cemetery

Valhalla, New York

(BIC) Brothers in Christ, From Buffalo, New York

Roderick Sapp

Charles Allen

Andre Arnold

Nathaniel Alston

Wardell Harris

***God saw you were getting tired, and a cure was not to be,  
So he put his arms around you, and whispered "Come to Me."  
With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away,  
Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.***

Thank God for my raising  
Thank God for I've Been blessed  
Thank God for all  
Who loved me, and thank God  
He loved me the best.  
Sorrowfully Submitted,  
The FAMILY



***Acknowledgement***

*The family wishes to express its humble gratitude to everyone  
Who has shared our loss through words of sympathy, calls, cards,  
And floral tributes, and other acts of kindness.  
May God's richest Blessing enfold you all.*



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