

## <u>Obituary</u>

**Linda A. Neil** was born September 9, 1950 in New York City to the late Gladys and Robert Neil. Linda was one of six siblings. Linda departed this life on Monday, August 20, 2012 at Cayuga Medical Center in Ithaca, NY. Her sisters, Shirley Ann Byrd and Elaine Hilliard preceded her in death. Linda dedicated her life to Christ at an early age and rededicated her life in 2001.

Linda was educated in the New York City Public School system. She went on to complete her Associates Degree in Drug and Alcohol Counseling in Spring of 2000 at Tompkins County Community College. Linda worked in the health care profession as a home health aide, a counselor for disabled youth and adults, and as a drug abuse counselor. She was very dedicated to lending a helping hand to those in need as she was a very compassionate woman.

Many of you who knew her know that Linda was a down-to-earth, loving, sweet, and a passionate woman, mother, sister, aunt and cousin. She was always a person you could come and talk to; not only because it was easy to, but also her advice based on her own life experiences were always helpful. Linda was always eager to assist in any way she could. Whenever anyone had a problem you could be sure that Linda was there to listen.

Many of you should also know that Linda was the type of woman who was outspoken, protective and Linda was known to be truthful in her assessment of life's test and trials. She also told it like it was. Linda was a lover of people; however, she refused to be taken for granted.

Linda leaves to mourn: three children, Tia, Willie and Duane Neil; one step daughter, Traycee Coleman; six grandchildren, Gregory, Tiaira, Aaron, Demitre, Demisha, Jaquis, and Jovan; one great grandchild, Gregory III; three siblings, Robert Neil (CA), Gail Taylor (NYC) and Reggie Neil (NYC); two aunts, Willie Mae Campbell of Harlem, NY and Elsie Morris of Decatur, GA; a devoted niece, Brandy Frazier; a long time friend and companion, Elvin "Easy" Coleman; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

## Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

### **Final Disposition**

Oxford Hills Crematory Chester, New York

#### 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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# <u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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