

A woman with short dark hair, smiling, wearing a patterned dress, stands in a blue sky with white clouds. A large, light-colored rose is positioned to her left.

*In
Loving
Memory
of*

Lenora Knight-Serrano

Sunrise

January 7, 1948

Sunset

November 17, 2012

Service

Tuesday, November 27, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

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Obituary

Lenora Vernice Knight-Serrano, RN – January 7, 1948 to November 17, 2012

Lenora was born January 7, 1948 in Brooklyn, New York, the first child of Gloria and William Lee. “Squeaky”, as she was called in early childhood, grew up in Bedford-Stuyvesant and Bushwick, Brooklyn. She attended Our Lady of Victory Grammar School, Bishop McDonald High School, and received her nursing degree from Lehman College, Bronx, New York.

Lenora’s love for people was fully demonstrated by her lifelong chosen profession. It started while she was working as a clerk in a hospital clinic. She was upset with the way some of the doctors and nurses treated patients and realized that she could do so much more (and, in her opinion so much better) for these patients. When the opportunity came for her to go to school she went and got her bachelors degree in nursing from Lehman College and became a registered nurse.

“Lenny,” as she was later called, worked most of her life in neo natal intensive care – one of the most challenging areas of health care – looking after those born so fragile. She nursed many a baby to health that might not have otherwise made it. But it was not only babies who benefited from her loving care; Lenora was responsible for the health, care, well-being and longevity of many of her family members and people who would later become lifelong friends. Lenora was gentle and caring but had solid determination. Just ask anyone who came to her for help. When she told you what you needed to do to get better, she made sure you did it, no matter how hard you thought it was or how much you complained. But she was also that spoonful of sugar that helped the medicine go down.

As the eldest of not only her siblings, but of the entire family, Lenora always showed her love for her family and was like a second mother to so many. Even though she may have actually been daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, friend, etc., everyone came to Lenny when they needed help. Lenora made many friends and when someone became a real friend to her, they became family too. Lenora later moved to Clermont, Florida where she spent years enjoying the warm weather and opening her heart and beautiful home to family and friends to enjoy with her. Lenora also enjoyed traveling, making an almost yearly trip to the Caribbean Island of St. Maarten for almost 20 years, and later enjoyed cruising with her family and friends.

Lenora leaves to cherish her memory her mother Gloria; her loving husband, Alfredo; her devoted daughter, Christine; her adored daughter Cynthia; her sisters, Anita, Mildred, Pamela and sister-cousin, Gertrude; her brother, Brett; her grandchildren, Joeworn; Kaiyla and Serrano; her son-in-law, Thomas; brothers-in-law, Charles, Larry and Petey, sisters-in-law, Carmel and Nilda; and a ton of nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews; many, many cousins and adopted family. Lenora was welcomed into the gates of heaven by her father, William, her brother, Gordon, her nieces Jamie and Brianna along with grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who surely greeted her with open arms.

We love you Daughter, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Cousin, God-Mother, Healer and Friend, Always.





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Greenwood Crematory
Brooklyn, New York

Grandma,

All I can say is thank you for moving me, lifting me up, keeping me out of trouble and most of all loving me. Even though your in a better place I just know that your spirit is still here within me. If it wasn't for you who knows what position I'll be in. I'm still lost but at the same time I'm happy because your in a place where I wanna be when God calls me. You've done everything to help the family, you made decisions only a mama, grandma, sister, auntie, cousin and a godmother can make. Most of the time it wasn't even a hard decision you just went through it because you loved us and want the best for us. I hear over and over that there's nothing like family, a lot of people have friends but our family are our friends. The last thing you ever said was stop always driving so much, making moves, that's when I asked you for gas money lol...but the last thing you ever text me in the exact spelling was I LUV YOU TOO. that text won't ever be erased from my phone, but most of all those words won't be erased from my heart. I love you grandma! Tell everybody I said hey and I love them and that I'll meet you there in paradise! Love you

Acknowledgement

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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