

In Loving Memory
Of



Monica Mercedes VanDunk

July 8, 1957 - February 20, 2014

Service

Wednesday, February 26, 2014 ~ 11:00 am

White Rock Baptist Church

1101 Chandler Avenue

Linden, New Jersey 07036

Reverend Dr. Robert C. Morris, Pastor

Reverend Paul E. Young, Officiating

Life Reflections

Monica Mercedes VanDunk was born on July 8, 1957 in Newark, New Jersey, daughter of the late James Edward and Muriel Alexander. She was the second oldest of seven children.

Monica attended the Newark Public School system, and moved to Linden in the early 1980s. She attended Drake Business School and received her certification in Early Childhood Development through 4CCs program in Hillside, New Jersey. She was also a Policy Counselor of Head Start in Roselle.

Doing what she loved most; Monica began caring for children in the neighborhood. We called her the “Neighborhood Mother.” Anyone who didn’t have a place to stay; Monica would say, “Just come to 1001 Cranford Avenue.” She would fix a home cook meal and let them stay as long as they wanted to. Monica enjoyed cooking and was known for her amazing cookouts, entertaining and spending time with her family and friends.

She was one of the founders of “Lady’s of Elegance Motorcycle Club” and “Body & Soul Motorcycle Club.”

As a member of Greater Promise Baptist Church in Linden for the past 15 years, Monica served on the Pastor’s Aid Committee, the Missionary Ministry and Overseer of the Church Charity Ministry which was for food and clothing for the needy.

She was predeceased by her sister, Marilyn Alexander, and her soul mate and lifelong partner, Calvin Milliner.

Monica Mercedes VanDunk departed this earthly life peacefully on Thursday, February 20, 2014 at Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth, at the age of 56.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her children: Donald Eugene Alexander, Sr. (Lisa) of Sanford, NC, Anita Muriel McDuffie (Marvin, Jr.) of Linden, NJ, April Melody Hawkins (Ronnell, Sr.) of Edison, NJ, and James Edward VanDunk (Alejandra) of Old Bridge, NJ; siblings: Donna Alexander (Dana) of Elizabeth, NJ, Bonnie Magnum (Arthur) of PA, Thomas Alexander (Queen) of Rahway, NJ, Robert Alexander, Sr. (Lena) of South Plainfield, NJ and Dennis Alexander of Elizabeth, NJ; 16 grandchildren; great-grandson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

Order Of Service

- Processional “Who Holds Tomorrow” Kelly Price
- Scripture Reading Reverend Clyde Dunning
Old Testament: Eccl. 3:1-15
New Testament: John 14:1-6
- Prayer of Comfort Reverend Tamika Young
- Opening Selection Kenneth Black (original selection)
- Reflections Family & Friends
- Selection of Comfort “Eyes On The Sparrow” ... Sister Sandi Noel
- Acknowledgment of Condolences
& Resolutions Sister Diana Ford
- Reading of the Obituary Miriell Williams
- Selection Greater Promise Baptist Church Choir
- Eulogy Pastor Paul E. Young
Greater Promise Baptist Church
Linden, New Jersey
- Recessional Selection by Jonnette Hawkins

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

Pall Bearers

Donald Alexander Edward Alexander
James VanDunk Michael Paul Ford Gatling
Thomas Alexander Price Alexander
Robert Alexander

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC
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Acknowledgement

The family of **Monica Mercedes VanDunk** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement.

We will always keep you in our prayers.

May God continue to richly bless you.