


*In Loving
Memory
of*

A color photograph of Patricia E. Principe, a woman with dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a leopard-print strapless top and a dark blue jacket. The photo is set against a light, textured background.

Patricia E. Principe

Sunrise
December 21, 1958



Sunset
February 25, 2014

Saturday, March 8, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH OF ENGLEWOOD

224 First Street • Englewood, New Jersey 07631

Rev. Dr. Lester W. Taylor, Jr., Officiating

Obituary

Patricia Elaine Principe, was born in New York City on December 21, 1958 to Eduardo and Icelyn Principe.

Patricia attended public school in New York City, until the family moved to Teaneck, New Jersey in the summer of 1971. Patricia continued her education at Thomas Jefferson Junior High School and then Teaneck High School where she graduated in 1976. While in Teaneck High School, Patricia was a member of the flag twirlers and the modern dance group now known as the Terpsichoreans.

After graduating high school, Patricia attended community college, worked as a model for Print Publications and also participated as an extra in a few films shot in New York. She did all of this while continuously working a full-time job and a part-time job or jobs. Her love of the culinary arts led to one of her first jobs as a Dietary Aide in a New Jersey nursing home. Once she discovered the lucrative side of accounting and finance, she commenced full-time work in this capacity. Patricia wasn't one to stay too long in one place and was always on the lookout for a better opportunity. She worked in a variety of fields such as insurance, shoe manufacturing and restaurant/food distribution. Through all this, Patricia always had a side hustle. She helped run a part-time night office cleaning service that she generously opened up to her family and friends.

Patricia's professional interests later transitioned to New York City and the media industry where she worked for Bloomberg as a payroll administrator. This was followed by ten years in the cosmetics industry at Erno Laszlo also as a Payroll Administrator and Human Resources Representative. But, the one position she cherished most and maintained longest, for twenty-seven years, was as a part-time Usher at the New York State Theater at Lincoln Center. She wholeheartedly embraced this exposure to the opera, ballet and numerous special celebrity attended events; oftentimes sharing these experiences with family and friends. Indicative of her take charge, fix it and get it done personality, Patricia earned and maintained the position of shop steward for the last twenty of these twenty-seven years successfully negotiating union contracts for her fellow ushers.

Patricia would often have three jobs. When she wasn't at her day job or her night job, she could be found at her weekend job in NBC Studios at Rockefeller Center screening "NBC Morning Show" and "Saturday Night Live" cast members and guests. Although Patricia was an extremely busy, hard working person, she always made time for family and friends. She would share a meal at her favorite restaurant, attend a movie, concert or theater production. She loved to travel and did so internationally and domestically. Patricia wasn't one to sit around waiting for you; if she wanted to go, go she did. Patricia had an adventurous spirit and would travel, eat and attend movies alone. She proclaimed that this was the best way to meet people.

Patricia departed peacefully at home on February 25, 2014. She is predeceased by her father, Eduardo.

Surviving family are: her mother, Icelyn; brother, Lloyd "Denzil"; sisters, Shirley, Julia and Linda; nephew, Jelani; nieces, Dara, Karen, Akia, Anika and Ayana and a host of other family and friends. Patricia will always be loved dearly, and she lives on in our hearts forever.

Order of Service

Processional of Family and Final Viewing

Invocation

Opening Hymn / Solo..... *“Awesome”*

The Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalm 23..... Akia Small

New Testament - John 14:1-6..... Shirley Principe

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection / Solo..... *“Alabaster Box”*

Reading of Expression of Condolences..... Sharon Adams

Reflections from Family and Friends..... Julia Principe

Mariann Brewington

Cheryl Hunt

Reading of the Obituary..... Dara Dessalines

Musical Selection / Solo..... *“Hallelujah (The Highest Praise)”*

Cheryl Rochester

The Message of Hope..... Pastor Taylor

Closing Hymn..... *“Every Praise”*

The Benediction

Recessional

Cremation

Cedar Lawn Crematory

Paterson, New Jersey

Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to thank everyone who sat with, prayed with, prayed for, or looked after us in any form during this time. We are grateful to everyone for your kind words of comfort and love during our time of bereavement. Be blessed.

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