



*In Loving*

*Memory*

*of*

*Phyllis Eleanor Gross-Redd*

*October 11, 1956 - July 10, 2014*

Service

Friday, July 18, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

**FIRST CORINTHIANS BAPTIST CHURCH**

1912 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd • New York, NY

*Rev. Willie Dwayne Francois III, Officiating*

*Dante Hawkins, Organist*

## *Obituary*

**Phyllis Eleanor Gross-Redd** of Harlem, NY passed away on July 10, 2014 at 4:40pm, after a long and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Her life was a testament to the miraculous nature of our God. She was born on October 11, 1956 to the late Fred A. Barber, Sr. and Shirley Evans Barber. She was the last of three children born to this union. After the death of her mother, her dad later remarried Ms. Barbara Barber, and blessed her with two other siblings.

Phyllis went to St. Charles Borromeo Elementary School and later went to and graduated from Fashion Design High School. Phyllis met and married the late Kenneth Gross, Sr. on August 5, 1981 with whom she had her only beloved son, Kenneth Gross Jr. In her late thirties, Phyllis met the love of her life, Freddie Redd III and married him on June 17, 1994. They recently celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary.

Phyllis worked as a dietary aide for over twenty years in Harlem Hospital, where she was well loved, respected, and passionate about her work. She was a faithful member of the Church of St. Charles Borromeo and Resurrection Chapel Roman Catholic Church for most of her life but recently was baptized again and joined First Corinthians Baptist Church with Pastor Michael A. Walrond, Jr.

Phyllis was truly the matriarch of her family and loved being influential in the lives of her grandchildren. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. She had the most generous, loving and sensitive heart, was always ready to forgive and touched many lives with her presence. Among her many passions were shopping, hosting and attending Aerosol shoe parties and hanging out with her friends. She also loved to be a “diva” and “look cute.”

Preceded in death by her parents, Fred A. and Shirley Barber, and her brother, Fred A. Barber, Jr., Phyllis leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband, Freddie Redd III, her son, Kenneth Gross, Jr., her daughters, Linda Williams and Tamie (Tamiaka) Boone; her step-children, Stephanie and Freddie Redd, her daughter-in-laws, Monique Moton and Vernisa Armstrong; her six grandchildren, Phyllis, Kenneth, Ka'mel, Kahdir, Khadijah and Kaseem Gross, her brother and sister-in-law, Calvin Barber and Vanessa Barber, her brother, Baron Barber, her sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Corey Turner, her step-mother, Barbara Barber, her sister-in-laws, Selma Curtis, Susan Redd Rivers, Constance Tarver, her brother-in-laws, Reginald Curtis, Ricky Tarver, Charles Tarver Jr., her favorite nieces and nephews, Dr. Melissa Barber (Delilah Barber), Anthony Barber, Brandi Barber Lawrence (Kayla and Camille Lawrence), Candice Barber (Ja'cobe L'amour Belardo), Bria Turner, Nia Turner and Bryce Turner and a host of aunts, uncles, cousin and best friends.

We, her family and friends, will always be thankful for the gift that was her life.

# *Order of Worship*

Processional ..... “Ribbon In The Sky”

Song of Declaration ..... “Our God Is Awesome”

Scripture Readings ..... Psalm 27  
Romans 10:8-11

Prayer of Comfort

Song of Comfort..... “Break Every Chain”

Acknowledgement of Resolutions

Reflections..... Charles Biggett  
Reverend Stephanie Ward  
Dr. Melissa Barber

Poem.....Ka’mel Gross

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Song of Celebration..... “It’s Not Over, When God Is In It”

Eulogy..... Reverend Willie Dwayne Francois III  
Pastor of Congregational Care

Recessional..... “Take Me To The King”

## **Interment**

Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

# *"I'm Free"*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
Took His hands 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 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 has been filled; and savored much  
Good friends, good times, love once touched  
Perhaps my time seems all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief  
Lift your heart and share with me  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

Charles Biggett    Corey Turner  
Daryl Doward    James Stocks  
Gregg Berkley

## *Acknowledgement*

The family wished to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness, expressions of love and concern shown during their time of bereavement. We would like to extend a special thanks to Ms. Donna Alonzia, Ms. Darlene Rivers, Ms. Saulri Alonzia and all other caregivers for your assistance with the care of our beloved Phyllis during her illness. Thank you to Ms. Cheryl Delgado for your turkey wings and broccoli that always nourished and satisfied Phyllis' appetite during her hospital stays.

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