

*In Loving Memory of*

A portrait of Karen Parker, a woman with short, curly grey hair, wearing a dark purple, long-sleeved, sequined top. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus image of a stone staircase leading up a hill under a blue sky with light clouds.

*Karen Parker*

**Sunrise**  
February 23, 1958

**Sunset**  
May 25, 2015

*Service*

Saturday, May 30, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

**First Holiness Church**

*1935 Madison Avenue  
Manhattan, New York*

*Pastor Johnny Green, Officiating*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Karen Annette Parker** was born February 23, 1958 to the late Elsie Price and Roland Parker in Ahoskie, North Carolina. At the age of four she moved to New York and was raised by her mother, Elsie and step father, Stan Price where she graduated from Brandis High School. After high school she followed in the footsteps of her beloved step father, and joined him at De-Lite Records as the Regional Promotion Director. Making her mark in the music industry, she was known for her professionalism and total dedication to her work. In 1980 she was awarded the “Promotion Women of the Year” award.

In her younger years, Annette could be considered a true “Harlemnite”, always the life of the party with a huge smile, positive attitude and clever punch line. She was embedded with the passion to help people and give back to her community. Along the way, while volunteering at The Goodwill Foundation, she met her fiance Carlmelo who also shared the same passions. She found Christ and devoted herself to serving Him. With the support and guidance of her beloved Pastor, Pastor Green and First Lady Mrs. Gloria Green, who she truly loved and adored, Karen was able to become a committed and dedicated member to her church home, First Holiness Church located in Harlem, New York.

Karen is survived by her fiance Carmelo Rivera of Bronx, NY; two sons, Earl Harris of Cloumbus, GA and Andre Parker of Asbury Park, NJ; one daughter Elizabeth Dawson of Harlem, NY; one daughter-in-law Teracia Deflorimonte of Columbus, GA; three grandchildren, Le'mya Deflorimonte, Je'nya Harris, and Christian Hardy; four sisters; two in which preceded her death Darlene Boone and Sophia Parker, two surviving sisters, Vanessa Turnage of Asbury Park, NJ and Wanda Bligen of Harlem, NY; one brother, Stanley Price of Neptune, NJ; three nephews, Ronald Powell of Maywood, NJ, Samuel Bligen of Binghamton, NY, and Keyon Bligen of Harlem, NY; two nieces, Jessica Boone of Harlem NY, and Unique Jackson of Conway, North Carolina, one grandnephew, Chance Boone, and a host of family and friends who love her and will miss her dearly.

# Order of Service

Open Prelude

Processional

Opening Prayer

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Hymn

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Final Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

# *Don't*

Don't spend too much time in mourning,  
Tears are for the sad;  
I left to be with Jesus  
And this should make you glad.  
Don't waste your hours in grieving,  
No need to feel distress;  
I'm tired of life's frustrations  
And had to get some rest.  
Don't puzzle yourself with questions  
Or try to reason why  
Life here for me was ended,  
It came my time to die.  
Don't lose the love I gave you  
Feed it with your care;  
Grow it with devotion  
And spread it everywhere.  
Don't fret because my leaving  
Came in such a way;  
We'll have another meeting  
In God's eternal day.

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in time of sorrow.



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