

In Loving Memory of



Vanessa Regina Black-Soyer

Sunrise: November 29, 1967

Sunset: November 16, 2015

Service

Saturday, November 28, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

NEW MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

171 W. 140th Street • New York, NY 10030

Obituary

Vanessa Regina Black Soyer was born November 29, 1967, to Martha Black Ragin and James E. Black in New York City. She was the youngest of six children. She attended early school in New York City, and relocated to South Carolina and graduated from Scotts Branch High School, Summerton, South Carolina.

When Vanessa returned to New York, she was employed by the City of New York Public Library System for a number of years. Later she moved to North Carolina, where she worked for the Carolina Medical Center. Vanessa married Sheldon John Soyer in 2000.

At her passing she was residing in Lawrenceville, Georgia. Vanessa wrote poetry and was an author of several books. Vanessa's god-parents, James and Sara Mitchell whom she loved dearly preceded her in death.

Vanessa leaves to mourn: James E. Black (Dorothy) and Martha Black Ragin; three children from her previous marriage to Lance Washington, Lanecia Janee Washington (Justin), Lachelle Sharae Washington (Elmira A), Lance Unique Washington (Brianna); one son from her second marriage, Sheldon Shamir Soyer; one granddaughter, Cassie Iman London Gardenhire; an unborn grandchild; one god-sister, Cheryl Smith; her god-son, Quazeik; her mother-in-law, Josephine Soyer; four sisters and one brother, Marguerite (Emanuel) McFadden, Mary N. Black, Theresa Black, Sarah A. Black Wallace (Tyrone), and James A. Black; special niece, Jamesa McFadden; special friends, Jeanette Maxwell, Beverly Carroll, Iris Kimbrough, Steve Campbell; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles; and her friends of 70 Lenox Avenue, New York City.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

***Kensico Cemetery
Valhalla, New York***

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Destiny

Your true destiny is where you will go, but what life has to offer will it allow your feelings to show. Show you've outgrown this position, but you're in no condition to live in your truth, that fountain of youth, that poured into your future and take the form of a solid, that state in which substance has no tendency. So what does this mean to me, do I live in my presence, and part of it's essence, do I look to the future where it's not time to go, or do I hold on to my past where my passion flows do I seek direction that no one knows or do I listen to me and follow my destiny.

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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