



*Homegoing
Celebration*

for

Josette E. Rucker

Sunrise

November 22, 1943

Sunset

January 25, 2016

Service

Tuesday, February 2, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo R.C. Church

Chapel of the Resurrection

211 West 141st Street

Harlem, NY 10030

Reflections of Life

Josette Estelle Rucker was born on November 22, 1943 at Syehan Hospital in Harlem, NY. She was an only child, born to parents Geraldine Williams-Rucker (Registered Nurse) and William Rucker (Merchant Marine).

Perhaps it was her stylish sense of fashion or the way that her confidence and warm smile could light up a room, which would have Josette become affectionately known to family and friends as “Jazzy”.

Jazzy attended St. Marks elementary school and graduated from Cathedral High school. It was during these 12 years of her Catholic school education where she began her devotion to Christ, taking her Holy Communion from St. Marks elementary at the age of 10 and her Holy Confirmation during her time from Cathedral High school at the age of 15. At this time, her beautiful singing voice was discovered and developed. In addition to her singing talent, Jazzy was a skilled pianist and tap dancer. Her musical talents were acknowledged when she received a music scholarship for college upon her graduating Cathedral high school. Jazzy completed her higher education, receiving her Bachelor’s Degree in Human Resources from Audrey Cohen College in 19__.

Jazzy would go on to contribute her many talents and skills to the world of work, beginning in her early years as a Hostess and “Starmaid” (a term she affectionately coined to describe the class and pizzazz she brought to her position) at Spotlight Restaurant, and a Courier Clerk at Wells Fargo. But it would be at the Young Adult Institute, as a Teacher for children and adults with Developmental Disabilities, where Jazzy would ultimately find her calling, dedicating 22 years of service until her retirement in 2010. She was also a member of St. Charles Bartholomew church and an Eastern Star.

Jazzy would go on to raise 4 beautiful daughters and a handsome son, then in 1964 she would meet and marry Noel McIntosh and continue to raise her family.

In addition to her beautiful singing voice and other musical talents Jazzy, was well known for her many other skills and interests which included her incomparable cooking skills- she was always known for experimenting with new dishes and tastes that yielded delicious results. She was known for her social nature and love of people, in that she could always put a smile on someone’s face with her sense of humor, her unique words of wisdom and sound advice, or her nurturing and supportive nature. She would always make a person feel like family. But perhaps, what Jazzy can be most remembered by is her exceptional sense of style and class. From her hair, to her nails, to her shoes and her favorite color being Purple, she had a flair for always being impeccably dressed and could always make a fashion statement.

In her later years Jazzy settled into her home in Bronx, NY where she continued to be the Matriarch of her family and enjoyed spending time with her cousin Leslie, poolside on hot summer days or enjoying laughter and conversation with her daughters and grandsons. Anyone who knew her well could tell you that she was most happy when surrounded by family and friends. Doing what she loved most with the people she loved most is how she happily lived her life until she was peacefully called home to her Heavenly Father on January 25th, 2016.

She is preceded in death by her parents Geraldine and William Rucker and her son Michael Simmons.

She leaves behind to mourn her passing: her Brother, Shameen Rucker, her Daughters Gina Simmons (Curtis Marshall), Monique Simpson (Tracy McCullough), Jerdina Simpson (Darryl Thompson) and Brandy Simpson, her Sons Anthony Morse and Shavard Morse, her Grandsons Michael Simpson, Mark Simpson, Darius McCullough, and Bryce Simpson and her Great-grandson Cameron Simpson.

The family wishes for their Mother and Matriarch to be remembered that in all things that she did, from being a Wife, beloved Mother, Grandmother, Cousin, Aunt, Sister, award-winning and acknowledged Teacher... that Josette “Jazzy” Simpson gave her all and that little something extraordinary, that will forever make her “Jazzy”...

Submitted by family

Funeral Mass

Gathering Hymn “Shall We Gather At The River”

Processional Hymn “Amazing Grace”

Placing of the Pall

First Reading - Old Testament Wisdom 3:1-6,9 - Shanette Brown

Second Reading - New Testament.....John 14:1-6 - Shyavia Brown

General Intercessions

Offertory Hymn “Precious Lord Take My Hand”

Communion Hymn “I Surrender All”

Communion Meditation Song “Jesus I Love Calling Your Name”
Gail Houston

Obituary Reading Juanita Cabey

Reading of Cards Shanette Brown

Remarks/Eulogy Adrienne Willis

Recessional Hymn “I’ll Fly Away”

Interment

Kensico Cemetery
Valhalla, New York

A Mother's Love

A Mother's Love Is
Being happy for her children
When they are happy
Being sad for her children
When they are sad
Being together in good and bad times.
A Mother's Love is a source of strength
A Mother's Love Is
Being honest with herself at all times
Being honest with her children at all times
Talking, listening and respecting the truth and never pretending
A Mother's Love is the source of reality.
A Mother's Love Is
An understanding so complete that she feels
as if she is a part of her children
Accepting her children just the way they are
And not trying to change them into being something else
A Mother's Love is the source of unity.
A Mother's Love Is
The freedom to pursue her own desires while
sharing her experiences with her children
The growth of her individuality along with
the growth of her children's individuality
A Mother's Love is the source of success.
A Mother's Love Is
Knowing that her children will always be with her
Regardless of what happens
Missing her children when they pass
But knowing that they are near in her heart
A Mother's Love is the source of security.
Most of all a Mother's Love is Forever!

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in time of sorrow. Your prayers, visits, telephone calls and other acts of thoughtfulness will be greatly remembered. We pray that blessings will continuously be bestowed upon you.



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