

A Celebration of Life for



Valerie Irene Ross

Sunrise: May 2, 1960

Sunset: April 6, 2016

Monday, April 11, 2016
Viewing 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Service: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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Wayne Gathers, Officiating

Obituary

Valerie Irene Sargeant was born to the union of Albert Sargeant, Sr. and Dolores Sargeant on May 2, 1960. She was the third of six children in the vibrant Sargeant household, Cynthia (preceded her in death), Albert, Lamont, Patricia, and Beverly.

As a child, she went to the The Kingdom Hall and attended faithfully every Sunday with her family. She loved reading the Bible and she learned the books of the Bible forward and backwards. She would compete with the other kids reciting scriptures to prove she knew the Bible best.

She graduated from Washington Irving High School, where she studied art. She loved to sew and do arts and crafts. She loved her brothers and sisters and always looked out for them. God's light shined on her throughout her life. She lived a life filled with generosity, opening up her home to friends and family in need over the years.

Valerie, better known by her family and friends as "Val"...loved food! Her favorites were hamburgers, fried fish, spaghetti and for snacks banana pudding and Snickers. She also loved music. When you walked into her apartment you would always hear the music of Michael Jackson, The O'Jays, and Marvin Gaye.

She gave birth to Jason, her first child in 1979. In the following years, she had six more children: Kishawnda, Travis, Michael, Cynthia, Albert, and Daphne. She had individual relationships with each of her children and those relationships meant the world to her. Her children admired her courage and strength throughout her life.

Her kind heart, lively spirit, and generosity will truly be missed. She is survived by: her husband, Charles Ross; children, Jason (New York, NY), Kishawnda (New York, NY), Travis (Charlotte, NC), Michael (Bronx, NY), Cynthia (Atlanta, GA), Albert (New York, NY), and Daphnine (Bronx, NY); grandchildren, Maurice, Brandon, Keymorah (New York), Serenity and Asia (Charlotte, NC), Aaliyah and London (Brooklyn, NY), Bryniah (Atlanta, GA); brothers and sisters, Albert (Brooklyn, NY), Lamont (New York, NY), Patricia (Bronx, NY), Beverly (New York, NY) and Regina (Atlanta, GA); as well as a host of cousins, in-laws, family and friends.

Order of Service

The Prelude

Processional and Final Viewing

Selection “The Lord Is My Shepard”

Scripture Reading - Psalm 35..... Regina Cameron

Selection "Open Your Heart" Yolanda Adams

AcknowledgementsCynthia Sargeant, Travis Sargeant,
Michael Sargeant, Louise Lewis

Reading of the ObituaryMichael Sargeant

Selection “We’ve Come This Far by Faith”

The Eulogy..... MINISTER, Wayne Gathers

Committal

Benediction

Recessional Selection..... “We’ve Come This Far by Faith”

Tribute to My Family

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the way.

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 when life is done.

Love, Valerie

Interment

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Mt. Rest Cemetery • Butler, New Jersey

God saw the road was getting rough,
The hills were hard to climb.
He gently closed Valerie's loving eyes,
and whispered, "Peace Be Thine."
The weary hours, the days of pain,
the sleepless nights are past.
The ever patient worn out frame,
Has found sweet rest at last.
Sleep on Valerie and take your rest.
We all loved you but God loved you best.

Lovingly submitted,
Your family

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express a special thanks to the family and friends who have been so kind in our time of sorrow. Thank you for the prayers, the many comforting words, notes of sympathy, the love and togetherness you have shown during our time of bereavement. We are eternally grateful for your prayers and may God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Love, The Family

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