



Sunrise: June 15, 1956 Sunset: July 1, 2016

<u>Service</u>

Friday, July 8, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027 Rev. Johnson, Officiating

## <u>Obituary</u>

**Eugenia Debra Rivera Breksa** was born in Harlem Hospital, New York City on June 15, 1956 to Helen and Eugene Rivera. She was baptized in the Catholic Church. She attended Seward Park High School in Manhattan.

She loved the music and art classes. She liked drawing, singing along with the music, but her real passion growing up was to dance. As a little child, when the music started to play, she would start to move. She danced at, The LaRocque Bey School of Dance, the oldest African dance school in the United States. She danced with them at the Amateur Night at the Apollo Theater, and other well known places.

Eugenia (Genia) as everyone called her, loved going to church at a young age, and did receive Christ as her personal savior.

In 1992, she received a certificate from the New York City, Tenant Leadership Training Program, and later worked for The New York City Housing Authority. She worked there for many years until she retired.

She married David Breksa, also from New York City. Genia was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She spent countless hours with her grand and great grandchildren whom she shared her devoted love with. She was devoted to her family and friends, and she loved children. Genia also welcomed each and everyone into her home. If someone she knew didn't have a place to stay, they were always welcome to stay at Genia's house.

Genia's mother, Helen Rivera preceded her in death. Genia is now survived by: her husband, David Breksa; three sons, Tracy and wife (Katrina), Steven and Jerome, Jr. and wife (Shanell); one daughter, Eugenia; ten grandchildren, Steven, Jr., Shelbe, Sevan, Tracy, Destiny, Emorejae, Emani, Jeleal, Emiah and Jasier; one great grandchild, Saniyah; three god grands, (Moett, Tyreik and Dominique); mother-in-law (and grandchild); sister, (Cathy); one god son; two god sisters; one god brother; nephew, (Cory); one aunt; six cousins; and a host of relatives and friends.

Her long illness ultimately led to her declining health. She stayed strong and fought for her family, as she had done while she was healthy. Her legacy is one of love, dedication, endurance, passion and care.

Eugenia will continue to live in our hearts daily, and we will miss her dearly.

## Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

**Obituary** 

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

## <u>Interment</u>

Rosemount Cemetery Elizabeth, New Jersey

Repast will be held at 715 Noble and Seward Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473 from 3-7pm



Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand 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 up with remembered jov. 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's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me,

-author unknown

God wanted me now, He set me free!

## 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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