

*A Celebration of The Life of
Nancy Ann Perry Velez*



Sunrise: 1962 - Sunset: 2016

*"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what
God has prepared for those who love Him" - (I Corinthians 2:9)*

Saturday, July 30, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

Bethany Baptist Church

275 West Market Street • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Timothy L. Jones, Pastor, Officiating

“Our Nancy”



Mrs. Nancy Ann Perry Velez was born on May 7, 1962 at Somerset Hospital, Somerville, NJ. She departed this life on Monday, July 25, 2016 in Orange, New Jersey.

Nancy was the first of three children born to Orlando and Virginia Arnold Perry. These young parents were thrilled and the grandparents were ecstatic! Our Nancy was a beautiful little girl, with rosy cheeks, and a happy and sweet disposition. Everyone wanted to hold Nancy and play with her so the Aunts, Uncles and Cousins did just that; never spoiling her, just making sure she knew how loved she was! Oh, how we passed her from lap to lap!

Our Nancy didn't mind sharing the spotlight. She was very excited when baby brother, Kenny, was born three years later. She had a playmate! Those two little scamps knew how to liven up a funeral home! Seven years would pass and Mommy and "Boot" would bring home a precious little bundle that they called Tracey.

Nancy took one look at her new sister and claimed her as her "Figgy." Nancy became the big sister, looking out for Kenny and being protective over Tracey. These Perry children brought great joy and a lot of excitement into the Perry Family. The Funeral Home Staff became extra aunts and uncles and they too became involved with the children, helping them in any way they could.

Nancy attended St. Mary's School in Newark and graduated from Marylawn of the Oranges. While living in South Orange, Nancy befriended the daughter of the new neighbors who moved a few doors down. This BFF, Robin Felton would become one of Nancy's dearest and closest friends for a lifetime. Her "go-to" cousin, Robbie Crews (aka Robin) would be her other BFF. Nancy understood how blessed she was to have these two Robins in her life; they understood her, they shared the good and bad times together, they stood by her when she was sick, kept her confidences, and Nancy never tired of showing them how special they were to her by her invites, gifts and all night phone calls. Not only was she giving and loving to them, but too many other family members as well.

In 1982, Nancy followed in her Grandmother Bessie's footsteps; she enrolled in Essie Mae's Beauty School in Elizabeth, NJ and talked Robbie into going also. They were both licensed in 1983 with their beauty culture license, certificate and a degree in Cosmetology. Her career in beauty culture began to blossom when she became Manager of "Nails Now" in South Orange. After working as Manager, she then became the Owner and stayed in business for ten years. While working at City Lights Hair Salon in Montclair, she met a nice young man, Alex Velez, also a hair stylist. Could it be that Our Nancy and Alex were falling in love? Indeed they were! They married October 1, 1991. In August, 1992, the couple was blessed with an adorable beautiful baby girl, Angela. Nancy called her "Tink," made Robbie her Godmother and set about giving her all to Angela and being the best mother she could be. She devoted her life to Angela and was proud of her. Angela, in turn, stood by her Mother during her illnesses, taking care of her, seeing to her every need and helping to manage the household.

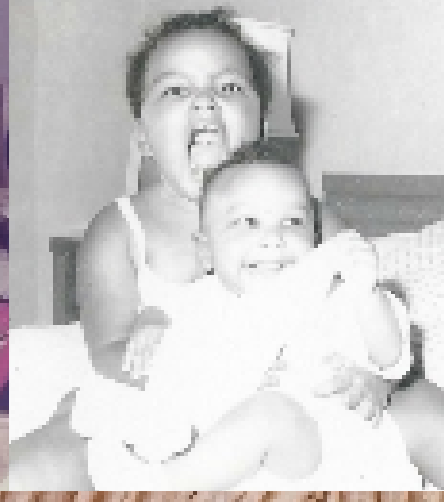
Nancy enjoyed traveling: cruises, the Islands, and funeral director's conventions with her parents. A trip to Hawaii was a memorable one. The family thought Nancy, Alex and Tink were going to become Hawaiian residents after spending two months there. Her Mother finally sent a message... "Vacation over, Come home NOW and bring my grandchild to see me!" I can hear Nancy saying, "Go big and THEN go home!" Nancy also enjoyed concerts and music and was a die-hard Prince and Michael Jackson fan as well as Pat Benatar, Madonna and some Rap or the "young people's music," as she called it. She was an incredible cook and her specialty, pig feet, was requested at every family gathering. Nancy loved laughing with her cousins about their younger days and her Mother's picnics were always a fun time for her. She faithfully watched the Honeymooners and Twilight Zone Marathons on New Year's Day.

Nancy's spiritual life was very important to her. She was raised in a Christian household. Both of her grandfathers were ministers. She joined Our Lady of Sorrows in South Orange, NJ but always kept her connection to the Baptist churches that her family members were affiliated with. She was a licensed and ordained minister, ordained by the Late Bishop Charles W. Morgan. Nancy accepted this call for the sole purpose of spreading the word of God. She taught Angela about the love of God and shared scriptures and hymns with her. Like her father, she loved gospel music and the Dixie Hummingbirds. She suffered with severe allergies and asthma during her lifetime, but her "tough faith in tough times" brought her through many difficult times and Nancy always trusted God to see her through. She understood "Be ye therefore ready" and Nancy was ready.

Nancy was predeceased by her father, Orlando K. Perry, Sr., grandparents, Rev. Hudy L. Perry and Bessie Crews Perry, Robert L. Arnold and Geneva Arnold, and her brother, Orlando "Kenny" Perry, Jr.

Celebrating her life and cherishing the sweet memories of Our Nancy are: her beloved daughter, Angela Velez; her mother, Virginia A. Perry; a sister, Elizabeth Tracey Perry Tisdale; a brother-in-law, Dorian Tisdale; sister-in-law, DeAnna Cohen Perry, (Andrew); nephews and nieces, George and Christopher Reynolds, Brianna Carter, Alicia and Tré Moore and Kylin Tisdale; devoted friend/sister, Robin Felton; her aunts and uncles, Lula and Peggy Arnold, Juanita and James Ross, Robert and Delories Arnold, Walter and Shirley Arnold, Sam and Retha Arnold; a special cousin, Robbie Crews, Alex Velez (father of Angela); and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

***Lovingly submitted,
The Family***





“Thank You, Mommy”

Dear Mommy,

As your daughter, I have been fortunate to have received your undivided attention, your unyielding faith in me and your unconditional love. I could not tell you enough, how special you have made me feel for these twenty three years. Just have to tell you thank you one more time. Thank you for teaching me the unteachable things that you don't learn in school; Thank you for giving me the tools to be great and do great things; Thank you for supporting me when I needed support; Thank you for never giving up on me or leaving me; Thank you for seeing the “real” Angela and revealing her to me; Thank you for instilling confidence and motivation in order for me to achieve my dreams; Thank you for recognizing when I did my best and when I could have done better; Thank you for giving me your wisdom and love; Thank you for encouraging me to hold my head up and move forward during tough times; Thank you for instilling your faith in God in my heart; And now that is where you'll remain...in my heart for a lifetime...I'll see your beautiful face, that sweet smile and those gorgeous eyes. Most of all, I'll listen for your whispers of love that will always surround me. So goodnight for now Mommy....I love you and will see you in the morning.

Your Forever “Tink”

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Congregational Hymn.....*“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”*

Opening Prayer.....*Rev. Timothy L. Jones*

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 27:1-6.....*Deborah Arnold (Cousin)*

New Testament: I Corinthians 2:6-9.....*Brianna Carter (Niece)*

Prayer of Comfort.....*Christopher Reynolds (Nephew)*

Solo.....*“Ave Maria”*.....*Andrea Martin*

Reflections.....*Deacon Walter Arnold (Uncle)*

Joyce Crews Hodge (Cousin)

Robbie Lynn Crews (Cousin)

Acknowledgements, Resolutions, Obituary.....*Gwen Crews (Cousin)*

Special Tribute and Dance.....*Angela Velez (Daughter)*

Selection.....*Frierson Singers*

Eulogy

Recessional

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Riley Hill Baptist Church Cemetery
Wendell, North Carolina

Immediately following the service, the repast will be held in the Church Fellowship Hall.

"Somewhere Over The Rainbow"

*Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high
There's a land that I heard of, once in a lullaby
Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue
And the dreams that you dare to dream,
really do come true.*

*Someday I'll wish upon a star and wake up where
the clouds are far behind me
Where troubles melt like lemon drops,
away above the chimney tops
That's where you'll find me.*

*Somewhere over the rainbow, bluebirds fly,
birds fly over the rainbow..
Why then, oh why can't I?
If happy little bluebirds fly beyond the rainbow,
why then, oh why can't I?*

In Appreciation

The Family of Nancy Ann Perry Velez acknowledges with deep appreciation every thought and act of kindness extended to them during this difficult time. Thank you for your endearing friendship, thoughtfulness and concern. God bless you.

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