

Denise Ann Murray

December 5, 1976 - September 14, 2016

*“Den Den”,
“Demus”, “Dee”*



Celebrating the Life of
Denise Ann Murray
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LIFE WORSHIP CENTER COGOP

1930 Adee Avenue • Bronx, NY 10469

Friday, September 30, 2016

Viewing: 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Celebration of Life Service: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Devotion: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Officiating Ministers

Bishop Owen Z. Martin

Bishop Dr. Roger Ball

Bishop Leroy Greenaway

Bishop Earl McKay

Order of Service

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Praise & Worship

Opening Sentences Bishop Owen Z. Martin

Congregational Song “Turn It Around”

Prayer Minister Paulette Walker (LWC)

First Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:50-58
Micaiah & Taylor-Dayne Davis (nieces)

Selection (solo) Ms. Hillary Gillings (cousin)

Second Lesson Ecclesiastes 7:1-4
Sis. Shirley Grizzle (LWC)

Congregational Song “Everlasting God”

Tributes

Deacon Christopher Grizzle (LWC)
Ms. Claudette Stewart (family friend)
Ms. Island Hinds (BOA)
Lloyd Murray (uncle)

Selection LWC Choir

Dance “Tell Your Heart to Beat Again”
Sis. Kerene Ellis (LWC)

Selection LWC Singers

Eulogy Mrs. Lisa Murray (sister-in-law)

Offertory Hymn “Heaven Jubilee”

Sermon Bishop Owen Z. Martin

Prayer for the Family Bishop Dr. Roger Ball (COGOP)

Instructions *Eternity Funeral Services Director*

Recessional Hymn (Ministerial Staff) LWC Choir

Recessional Choruses LWC Singers

Repast to follow here at Life Worship Center COGOP

Eulogy

Denise Ann Murray, Dee, Den Den, Demus, was born December 5th, 1976 in Kingston, Jamaica. Third born to parents Beatrice (Pat) & Clement Murray, Denise was raised in Patrick Gardens, Kingston 20. During her childhood she was a member of Open Bible Church and faithfully attended Sunday school there. Denise went to Pembroke Hall Basic and Primary School. From there she received a scholarship to attend Wolmer's High School for Girls where she earned her high school diploma. Denise then went on to the University of Technology in Kingston, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business. Shortly after this achievement Denise migrated to the United States in 1998, and settled in the Bronx, NY. Her first job was at Talbots, but she quickly began her career in the banking industry working firstly for Citi Bank, then Fleet Bank which became Bank of America. She pursued further studies and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Monroe College, New Rochelle, with an Upper First Class Honors Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

Growing up Denise always acted like the oldest child. Many would tell you that Denise's playful and endearing qualities made her a very hard person to say no to. Kind and conscientious, Denise made a significant impact on the lives of so many. She was greatly admired for her love for and dedication to God, her parents, family and friends and spent all of her personal time in service to them.

Also known for her confident no nonsense personality, she was well respected and people often sought her out for support and would find their footing in the advice and words of encouragement she gave. This confidence came from her being strongly rooted in her faith as she was raised in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Denise, spent many waking hours in God's presence. She loved riding in her car listening to music,

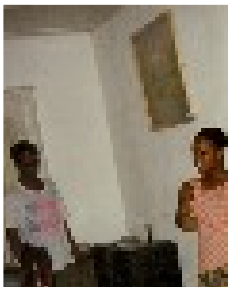
especially Christian songs on K-Love, but her favorite place was cuddled up in her bed reading her Bible.

Denise worked at Bank of America for 16 years. Her knowledge, experience and professional demeanor propelled her to be promoted from Assistant, to Assistant Manager and ultimately her post as Manager of the Pelham Manor Branch. Her bank colleagues describe her as a firm but encouraging leader, a devoted, loyal and honest woman, who motivated and mentored all those who came into her life.

Denise was a devoted and reliable servant to her church family and also supported others in being able to accomplish their tasks. It is clear that Denise presented her talents as a manager, to God and they became her gift. She made a profound impact as a Christian who always took her service onto the Lord very seriously. When it was time for worship, she would always find a quiet place to focus on God and offer Him uninterrupted worship.

To say that Denise will be missed is an understatement. The life that she lived was as one focused and about her Father's business. As demanding as her career was, it was clear that Denise lived the Word. Matthew 6:19-21 (Msg. Bible) says, "Don't hoard treasure down here ... Stockpile treasure in heaven, where it's safe from moth and rust and burglars. It's obvious, isn't it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being." Denise is now where her treasure is. For us there is but one charge, to finish the race.

Denise was preceded in death by her sister Alicia Murray and brother Kevin Murray. She is survived by her parents, Beatrice (Pat) and Clement Murray, sisters, Althea Murray and Karen Davis, brother-in-law, Richard Davis, nieces, Micaiah, Taylor-Dayne and Sydney and nephews, Malachi and Hakeen, sister-in-law, Lisa Murray, close friend, Hyman Lawrence, aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends and other relatives.





Turn It Around

She felt comatose waiting for this thing to grow
She's impatient cause she wants it now and so it shows
She can't be bothered by the ties that bind her
She's united when it strangles everything it holds

[Chorus:]

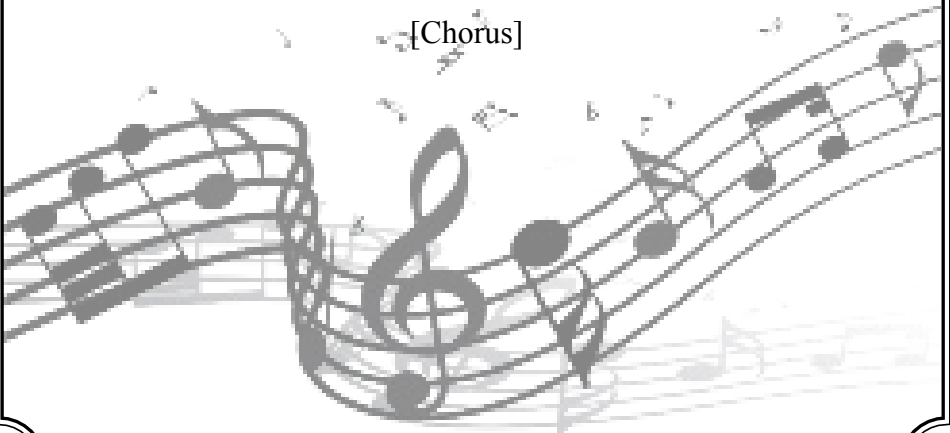
She's looking through the wrong end
She's looking through the wrong end
She's looking through the wrong end of the telescope
Turn it around, turn it around

She closed the door with the intention of not looking back
But missed her step because she didn't have a steady track
She can't be bothered by the mistakes she has made
But she's forgetting that's what guides you to the rightful path

[Chorus]

As suspected back at home it grew out of control
Well, that can happen when you leave things to a little girl
So now she's left without an option at hand
She better tend to it or she won't have another chance

[Chorus]



Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary

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Our hope, our Strong Deliverer
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles.



Heaven Jubilee

Some glad morning we shall see, Jesus in the air
Coming after you and me, joy is ours to share
What rejoicing there will be, when the saints shall rise
Headed for that jubilee, yonder in the skies

Oh what singing, oh what shouting
On that happy morning when we all shall rise
Oh what glory, Hallelujah
When we meet our blessed Savior in the skies
Seems that now I almost see, all the sainted dead
Rising for that jubilee, that is just ahead
In the twinkling of an eye, changed with them to be
All the living saints to fly, to that jubilee.

Oh what singing, oh what shouting
On that happy morning when we all shall rise
Oh what glory, Hallelujah
When we meet our blessed Savior in the skies
When with all that heavenly host, we begin to sing
Singing in the Holy Ghost, how the heavens will ring
Millions there will join the song, with them we shall be
Praising Christ through ages long, heaven's jubilee.

Oh what singing, oh what shouting
On that happy morning when we all shall rise
Oh what glory, Hallelujah
When we meet our blessed Savior in the skies.



Order of Service

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Opening Sentences	Bishop Owen Z. Martin
Hymn	“When We All Get to Heaven”
Prayer	Minister Sharon Cain
Scripture Reading	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (Amp.) Bro. Ken Hamilton
Selection (solo)	Taylor-Dayne Davis (niece)
Words of Comfort	Bishop Owen Z. Martin
Prayer	Bishop Owen Z. Martin
Instructions	<i>Eternity Funeral Services Director</i>

Interment

Kensico Cemetery
273 Lakeview Avenue Valhalla, New York 10595

At the Graveside

Hymn	“Precious Memories”
Prayer	Bishop Owen Z. Martin
Hymn	“How Great Thou Art”
Hymn	“I’ll Fly Away”

Choruses

Some Day, Some Day, I’ll go where Jesus Is
By and By When The Morning Comes
Meet Me By The River
No Grave Cannot Hold My Body Down
Across The Bridge
Soon And Very Soon
When We All Get to Heaven
You Raise Me Up

Repast

After the burial, please join the family for repast at Life Worship Center COGOP



Pallbearers

Hyman Lawrence (friend)

Bro. Aubrey Cookhorne (LWC)

Hakeen Williams (nephew)

Bro. Carl Chambers (LWC)

Condell Hamilton (cousin)

Bro. Emanuel Williams (LWC)

Ushers

Life Worship Center COGOP, Usher Board

Acknowledgement

The Family of the late **Denise Ann Murray**, wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the prayers, love and support extended to us during this time. Your presence, messages of sympathy, cards, phone calls and other expressions of comfort, both in thoughts and deeds have helped to sustain us in our grief and loss. May God forever bless each one of you and keep you in His tender loving care.

Thank you,
The Family



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