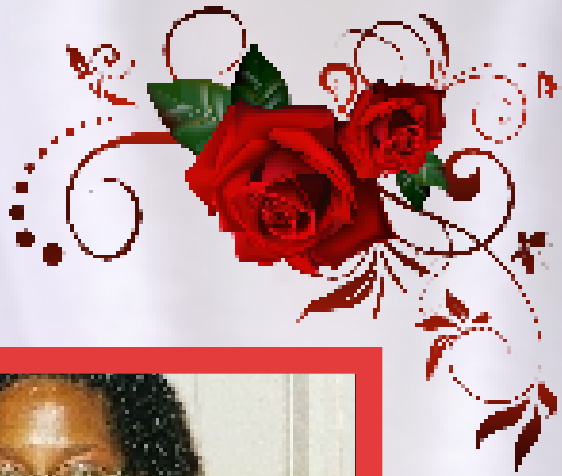


**CELEBRATING
THE LIFE
OF**



Vivian A. Adams

Sunrise: July 23, 1958 - Sunset: October 29, 2016

Service:

Monday, November 7, 2016
11:00 am

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
1025 Bergen Street
Newark, New Jersey
Pastor Alexander Howze, Officiating



Obituary

Vivian Adams was the third child born to the late Gussie M Kelly and Samuel R Kelly on July 23, 1958, in Newark, New Jersey. She was named after her godmother, Vivian Wright who pampered her from a baby. She was into everything and all over the place. She was also left handed just as her father and was known for swinging it, thus her nickname "Monk." Her school years were spent in the Parochial School System in Newark and she completed Immaculate Conception High School in East Orange. She enjoyed working at the library while in high school. They thought very highly of her and she was guided by one of her teachers toward that career.

Imagine everyone's surprise when Vivian decided she wanted to work in the Meat Industry. Her full time position was at Center Meat as a butcher for many years until she became sick. She was well versed in all departments and also worked at Pathmark part time as a meat cutter and wrapper. In fact, if you spotted her in the meat department and did not see what you wanted, she would gladly go cut and wrap it for you so you had fresh meat. She took great pride in what she did and was known to be a hard worker and did not mind working many hours. It was often said she was definitely a Kelly when it came to not being afraid of hard work. She worked as a Manager for Hess Gas Station for some years and if a friend or family member needed a part time job, Viv was the one to see; she would give anyone a chance.

Vivian met Ricky Adams. They fell in love and decided to marry near her 19th birthday on July 29, 1979. Both loved their families, especially their mothers, so this was truly a blessed union. They did not stay on their honeymoon as long as they were supposed too because they wanted to come back and party with the family. Their house was the gathering spot for celebrations. Vivian was a good cook and could "burn" on the stove as they would say. Her niece always wanted that "good ole macaroni and cheese."

She has lived in Newark, Orange, and Irvington though at times she would take off to West Virginia. She liked going back to her roots and visiting family and friends there. Vivian was always a Christian. She left the Catholic faith and joined another Church. She began attending services at the Fellowship Empowerment Center where she remained because she felt comfortable there. She had friends she would exchange quips with whenever it struck her to do so and did not mind not working when everyone else was. She also enjoyed singing with the Fellowship Choir. Vivian's special gift was singing. She loved to sing and would sing anything. When she lost her memory during her earlier illness, she never forgot the words to songs.

Vivian was the sister with the spirit of love. She never liked controversy. She would go along with most things unless it was something she did not want to do. If that was the case, you could not make her do it. Never one to bite her tongue, she would say whatever, whenever. She would also do what you asked of her. Last year while preparing Thanksgiving Dinner, she went back and forth to the store for three cooks. She never complained.

Early Saturday morning, October 29, 2016, she took her last breath at University Hospital, Newark, NJ. She is predeceased by her parents, Samuel and Gussie Kelly. She is survived by her husband, Ricky, 2 sisters, Valerie, Michelle, 1 nephew, Samuel, 1 niece, Stephanie; a great nephew and niece, Kyler and Kaylee, an uncle, Freddie Kelly, an aunt, Carrie Kelly, and a host of other relatives, first cousins, cousins, nieces, nephews, and many, many good friends. Born on August 23, 1958, laid to rest November 7, 2016. One of the Kelly girls is gone, but, not forgotten.

Order of Service

Pastor Alexander Howze, Fellowship Empowerment Center
Prophet William Jackson

Processional.....Family and Clergy

Prayer of Comfort.....Prophet William Jackson

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament - Psalm 23:1-6

New Testament - Matthew 18:10-14

Music Selection.....Judy Cooper Benjamin
Accompanied by Strategy No. 1

Obituary.....Prophet William Jackson

Moments of Reflection.....Family, Friends

Music Selection.....Strategy No. 1

Eulogy.....Pastor Alexander Howze
Fellowship Empowerment Center

Benediction

Music Selection.....Fellowship Empowerment Center Choir

Recessional

CREMATION
Evergreen Crematory
Hillside, New Jersey

For Our Vivian

My sister who was my friend and biggest fan
Has left me behind in America land
She and I were always so close
I was the one she learned to trust more than most
The secrets we shared through the years
How we helped each other combat our fears

She accepted how tough I was on her
You see I loved her wanting
the best for her

Now I have to wait to see my friend,
and biggest fan
She's soaring high
and has left me in this land

I understand her earthly journey is done
And in truth it is she who has won

But still I say,
My sister, my friend and biggest fan

Has left me behind alone in America land.

Valerie Kelly



We had an understanding and a love that nobody else understood.
Ricky Adams

My baby sister Vivian was always by my side through all family
gatherings. She was always happy when we were together.

I will cherish her memory and keep my sister's love in my heart.

Michelle Kelly

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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