# In Loving Memory of



Sunrise: July 21, 1948 Sunset: January 3, 2017

Service

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

### UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027 *Rev. David Jenkins, Officiating* 

## Obituary

**Marilyn Brisco** was born on July 21, 1948 at Harlem Hospital in New York City to Marion Brisco. She was the third of six children. Marilyn resided in Harlem until she moved to the Bronx in 1968. She attended public schools in Harlem and graduated from Fashion Industry High School in 1966.

Marilyn was married to the late Russell Brooks. They had three children from this union. Marilyn always remained independent and worked to provide an enjoyable life for her family. She was energetic, funny, lively and was always ready to throw a good party for family and friends. She also had a good heart and listening ear, and for many, was the source of unconditional, nonjudgmental comfort and support.

She worked all of her life in a variety of administrative positions, but the bulk of her career was spent at Coyne Electrical Contractors, under International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. She worked at Coyne for eighteen years before they closed. She started out as an administrative assistant and was able to move up through the ranks of the company. After deciding to go back to school, Marilyn graduated from Lehman College in 1997 with her Bachelor's Degree with the support and encouragement of family, friends and colleagues. At the time she left Coyne, she was the supervising manager of the accounts payable and receiving department.

Marilyn loved to travel and to explore new adventures. She was adventurous and outgoing. She was also focused and hard working. Marilyn had a stubborn personality, but that was part of her charm. She was well organized and meticulous, and her flare for style, fashion and decorating was impeccable. If you saw her, it was hard to not notice what she was wearing and her signature red toenail polish pedicure that was always flawless. She was known to smile and "curse you out" at the same time, which many people encountered with her J. While she was not overly religious and at the time of her death did not belong to a specific church home, she had her own relationship with God. She prayed daily and maintained a spiritual connection with her Heavenly Father. She would tell her children, "You can pray anywhere; just let God hear your voice".

Marilyn leaves an incredible legacy. She leaves behind: her children, Wendell (deceased), Damian and Dana; four grandchildren, Khalid, Khalil, Julian and her baby girl, Jordan; her three sisters, Alice (brother-in-law, Alfred), Joyce and Jacqueline (brother-in-law, William); her two brothers, Cedric and Arnold. She has a lineage of nephews, nieces, and cousins, her second family Ronald and Delores Atkinson and extended family and friends.

# Order of Service

#### Processional

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional



## Interment

Maple Grove Cemetery Kew Gardens, New York

#### Repast

2:00 pm at Esplanade Gardens, North Community Room 129-33 W. 147th Street.

You never said I'm leaving, You never said goodbye You were gone before I knew it, and only God knew why

A million times I needed you, a million times I cried If love alone could have saved you, You never would have died

In life I loved you dearly, in death I love you still In my heart you hold a place, that no one could ever fill

It broke my heart to lose you, but you didn't go alone For part of me went with you, the day God took you home

## Acknowled

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