



In Loving

Memory

of

Benita Cannon

Sunrise: February 16, 1955

Sunset: July 27, 2017

Service

Thursday, August 10, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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Obituary

Benita Patterson was born into this world on February 16, 1955 to Elizabeth and Benny Patterson, Sr. Benita's sunset was July 27, 2017.

Benita's education began at St. Aloysius and then continued at St. Catherine of Genoa. After graduating, she attended Mother Butler Memorial High School and then Mandl Medical School. After graduating from Mandl, Benita began a successful career as a Medical Secretary where she worked at New York Hospital and Roosevelt Hospital among others. She was very highly thought of by her co-workers.

Benita married Jaeme Cannon and together they had a son, Jaeme Steven Cannon whom she loved dearly. Benita loved to dance and listen to music. She was very close to her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson and her aunt, Ms. Lucille Howell. The three of them would gather together on Fridays and cook, play cards, laugh and tell stories. Many times they would continue on Saturday and Sunday.

Benita was a very social person, kind, loving, caring and open hearted. She was very family oriented and very protective of her family members. If you picked a fight or an argument with any family member then you had a fight or an argument with her. Benita was absolutely meticulous about her appearance and her hygiene. Benita loved a good meal, old movies and a good party or club atmosphere. She enjoyed going out and dressing up and exploring New York City. Unfortunately, her health started failing in later years and she was no longer able to do the things she once did. But she still remained very close to the family and was concerned about everyone else's well-being.

She leaves behind: her son, Jaeme Cannon; brother, Benny Patterson; younger sister, Satari; her aunt, Lucille Howell (who kept constant vigil at her bedside while she was hospitalized); nephew, Michael Patterson; cousins, Chris and Denita, Jabbar, Troy, Estelle, Scott, Steven, Wayne, Gergory, Raymond, Melvin, Deborah, Tracy, Larry, Trina, and Delores; uncle, Manual; aunts, Jenny Lou and Olivia; and many, many others.

She was very much loved by us all and will be greatly missed. Now she has been reunited with her parents, grandparents, other family members and friends who have been called home.



Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

Interment

*Rose Hills Memorial Park
Putnam Valley, New York*



I'm Free

*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 joy.*

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,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family would like to express their sincere thanks and gratitude for all those who have taken time out of their schedules to be here in person and all of those who have called to extend their condolences and support.

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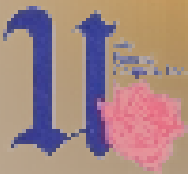
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