



## <u>Obituary</u>



Vanessa Rosetta King of East Orange, NJ., passed away unexpectedly on January 15th, 2018 at home. She was born in Newark, NJ on February 22, 1967 to Betty and Frankland King Sr.

Vanessa grew up in Newark and graduated from Barringer High School and attended Kean College. Vanessa took pride in her work and the community she served. She worked at the Essex County Division of Senior Services where in May of 2008, she received the "Team Work Award" for her outstanding contributions and dedication. She loved her family dearly and liked shopping, attending social events and family functions. She participated in various community service activities as well.

Vanessa was constantly amazed and delighted by the beauty of butterflies. They brought her joy and brightened her face with a smile, just as she brought so much joy and happiness to the faces of others. Her essence was captured in the life of a butterfly, a bright spirit wrapped in a cocoon that would one day blossom into a beautiful soul. Vanessa lived her life the way she wanted to and that tenacity and passion she felt is something that inspired each and every person touched by her life.

Vanessa is preceded in death by her parents Betty Jean and Frankland King Sr., and brothers Frankland Jr. and Zachary King.

Vanessa leaves to celebrate her life and cherished memories, her two loving and devoted sons Darren Bennett Jr. and Tony Cowell II, her sisters Remona and Victoria King, as well as her nephews Al-Haneef Thomas, Anthony Kennedy, Carroll Alston III, Sebastian Anthony King-Fewall, Wendell and Nazir Doughty and her nieces Alaska King, Stefani Alston and Khristina Holmes, her companion of many years Dwight Rogers and numerous relatives and friends. She also leaves behind her beloved dog, "Gizzy".

Vanessa was taken from us too soon but we shall all walk this earth knowing we have a guardian angel watching over us fluttering her pretty wings everyday.

"Spread your wings and prepare to fly, for you have become a butterfly. Flutter through the sky, butterfly, fly."

## Order of Service

| Music Prelude                                 | Seating of Family               |
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| Prayer of Comfort                             | Reverend Edward Allen           |
| Scripture Reading Old Testament New Testament | Stefani Alston Khristina Holmes |
| Tributes/Reflections                          | Deloris Parish                  |
| Solo  | Family and Friends              |
| Acknowledgements                              | Stefani Alston                  |
| Reflections of Life                           | Remona T. King                  |
| Solo  |                                 |
| Eulogy  | Reverend Edward Allen           |
| Recessional                                   | A                               |

## **INTERMENT**

Rosedale Cemetery Orange, New Jersey

Repast to follow interment Let us all come together to celebrate Vanessa's life at



Kay's Lounge

193 Western Parkway Irvington, NJ 07111





Don't grieve for me now, I'm free.

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.
Task left undone must stay that way
I found peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Ah, yes, these things I too shall miss.
My life's been full, I've savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Life up your hearts and share with me,
God wanted me now; he set me free.

## <u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family of Vanessa R. King extend their sincere appreciation to everyone for all their expressions of love.

