

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Desiree Persephone LaSaine*

**Sunrise**  
**October 20, 1958**

**Sunset**  
**April 2, 2020**

*"... I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live:" ~ St. John 11:25*

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# *Obituary*

**Reverend Desiree Persephone LaSaine** was born in Brooklyn, New York on October 20, 1958, to (the late) Samuel W. Allen and Jacquelyn P. Allen. She grew up in Brooklyn, NY where she graduated from John Dewey High School and later attended New York City Technical College where she received her Degree in Nursing.

On September 26, 1975, Desiree became a mother to her only child, Shawanna Cherise Dempsey. As a mother she led by example and instilled in her daughter love, forgiveness, strength and how to persevere. Her greatest joy was in knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and her greatest comfort was in knowing that her daughter knew Him as well.

Desiree was a dedicated nurse and upon graduation worked at Brookdale Hospital Medical Center before moving on to St. Mary's Hospital. At St. Mary's Desiree worked in the Intensive Care Unit where she cared for her patients in the same manner that she cared for her family. Desiree's calming manner and soothing voice aided her in her work as a nurse. Whether it was an anxious patient or a grieving family she would always find the right words to provide comfort in the most uncomfortable situation. After the closure of St. Mary's Hospital, Desiree transitioned into the role of Director of the Brooklyn Adult Day Care Center. Here she spread her wings and created an environment where elderly, handicapped and disabled people could come together to engage in social activities and outings. She would exhaust herself looking for extra funding for the program going as far as reaching into her own pocket to ensure that everyone could participate. In 2009, Desiree returned to nursing as a recovery room nurse at Brook Plaza Medical Center where she would later retire.

In 1992, Desiree rededicated her life to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and lived her life only to serve and be in service to Him. She joined Beginning Anew Christian Fellowship where she worshipped for over a decade under the leadership of Prophet Andre Cook. Desiree heard her own calling to ministry and became an Ordained Minister in 2000. She built her ministry from the ground up and founded Feast Tabernacle Fellowship in 2001. This by far was one of her greatest accomplishments. She held Sunday services in her apartment and although her flock was small they were mighty. She walked in love and loved the Lord. She was a mighty prayer warrior who prayed with purpose and a joy and inspiration to her church family. She made herself available day or night to any and all that needed to pray or some comforting words. Desiree walked in faith and knew His word. She knew there was power in the name of Jesus and made sure that those around her knew that to.

On Thursday, April 2, 2020, the Lord called Reverend Desiree P. LaSaine home. She leaves to mourn her daughter, Cherise Dempsey-Davis; son-in-law, Mark A. Davis, Sr. of Brooklyn, NY. She is also cherished by three grandchildren, Brianna D. Dempsey-Davis, Joshua E. Davis and Jordan M. Davis; one great-granddaughter, Bri'Elle M. Ryles. She also leaves to mourn one sister, Beverly A. Sellers; three brothers, Samuel W. Allen, Jr., Richard K. Alan, Sr. and Martin Allen; nieces and nephews, Frank L. Sellers, Jr., Richard K. Alan II, Esq., Amy E. Alan, Leslie Keith Sellers, Rodney K. Alan, MD, and Anita D. DeSilva. Additionally, she leaves to mourn, T. Jones, M. Davis, Jr., J. Artist, Jr., M. Beard, M. Sandiford, P. Rivers, D. Hoyt, Rev. P. Sampey, L. Dempsey, R. Payne, R. Locklear, C. Spicer-Barclay, H. Alexis, and Q. Durham; and a host of friends and neighbors.

~ Lovingly Submitted ~  
THE FAMILY

# Psalm 23

*The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

# *Safely Home*

I am home in heaven, dear ones;  
oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is a perfect joy and  
beauty in the everlasting light.  
All the pain and grief is over,  
every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
safely home in heaven at last.  
There is work still waiting for you,  
so you must not idly stand,  
do it now, while life remaineth—  
you shall rest in God's own land.  
When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you home;  
oh, the rapture of that meeting  
oh, the joy to see you come!

## *In Grateful Appreciation*

*The family of the late Reverend Desiree P. LaSaine wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness and concern including cards, flowers, phone calls and visits. May God bless each of you and may His peace be with you.*

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