

In Loving Memory of



Donna Bryant

Sunrise: August 29, 1951 - Sunset: January 9, 2022

Friday, January 21, 2022 - 10AM

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Obituary

And God said, "Let us make man in our image..."

So, on August 29, 1951, Ruth and Larry Bryant gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. They lovingly named her: **Donna Jane Bryant.**

Always with a sweet and gentle spirit, Donna was raised in the Edenwald Development located in the (Boogy Down) Bronx, New York. The second of four daughters and the fifth of ten children, she found her own way in the mix of her older and younger siblings. It was not an easy thing to do, but she found a way and maintained a loving heart.

Her early schooling was in the Bronx, which she did with flying colors. When she was old enough, Donna attended Mable Dean Bacon Vocational High School in Manhattan. It was a girls only school, and it taught each student skills centered on their particular interest. It is where Donna's heart began to expand into a life of service and it is where she studied Nursing. Many years later she earned, from the College of New Rochelle, a BA in Social Science to which she unselfishly helped others for years until, heaven started whispering her name.

Donna loved to dance, sing and have fun. She had a laugh that was genuine. She would sometimes close her eyes, shake her head, and cover her mouth. Her laugh would be full of joy. You know it came from the stomach because you laughed too. Growing up in a family that always had music playing on the radio, one song she loved to sing was Bloodstone's "Natural High". When she heard that song, she would stop and sing along and grace you with her sweet melody. And when she talked to you, her voice would always ease your burden. She always gave you an ear, no matter what she was doing, she gave her time with sound advice—and she asked for nothing in return.

As she grew older and boys were attracted to her tender heart, she was blessed with three children.

Donna leaves behind: the love of her life John (Sihiem) Jackson; two children, Khesan Smalls and Robyn Washington, one granddaughter, Emah Jhene Smith; siblings, Leonard, Linda, Lance, Wayne, Roslyn and Lola; nieces and nephews, grandnieces and nephews, great-grandnieces and nephews, cousins, and a host of loving friends and neighbors. Her first born son, Latief Smalls; parents, Larry and Ruth Bryant, and three brothers, Lawrence, Kevin and Keith have all preceded her.

Our Donna was a sweet, loving and gentle person that will *Forever Be Missed.*

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INTERMENT:
Rosedale Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey



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

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Her family would like to thank everyone who sent floral arrangements, called with kind word and prayers, sent a card or was just there to help with anything that needed to be done. Your expressions of sympathy are greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. May God Continue to Bless You Always.
- The Family

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