

*In Loving Memory of*

A composite image featuring a woman with dark, curly hair. On the left, a faded, semi-transparent version of her is shown from the chest up, smiling. On the right, a more prominent, clear version of her is shown from the chest up, wearing a black sleeveless top, a long necklace with circular links, and large earrings. The background is a soft, golden-yellow gradient with a faint, abstract pattern.

*Michele Waddell*

Sunrise  
September 12, 1953

Sunset  
February 22, 2022

Service:  
Wednesday, March 2, 2022 - 6:00 pm

**MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME**

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Rev. Jay Gooding, Officiating  
Rev. Kevin Wade, Organist

# Obituary

**Michele Louise Smith-Waddell** was born on September 12, 1953, in Harlem, NY to the late Mazurah "Jo" Smith and William Brown. Michele was raised by her grandmother Henrietta Smith, with her siblings and cousins Michael and Malcolm Smith, and Earl Wright Jr. She attended schools in Harlem and in the Bronx, NY. Her passion and love for helping people guided her to a career in Human Services taking care of the elderly and adults with special needs. She also had a passion for cooking and held a position as a chef for over twenty years at St Peter's Daycare and Aunt Bessie's Daycare in Peekskill, NY.

Michele was a warrior. Even though she faced many obstacles, she always remained positive and strong. Her "get up, pull yourself together, keep it going," attitude and gritty personality inspired all those she encountered. She was sweet, loving, loyal, and caring. Even when she became ill in 2001, Michele's spirit was renewed when she received a kidney transplant in 2008. Thereafter, she still remained true to her core characteristics.

Michele was a mother not only to her children, but she was also the matriarch of the family. She opened her home to anyone who needed it. Her home was a safe haven: a place where you could be yourself, where you could rest your head, and she always had a listening ear. Michele shared all she had with others, and what she shared best was real-life advice. She may not have delivered it the way you wanted, but it was always rooted in love. She was always there in times of need with words of wisdom, a shoulder to cry on, and open arms to hug and squeeze you tight. She taught her loved ones to stay strong, keep their heads up, and keep fighting, just as she did all her life. She had so much love to give, and she was the glue that kept everyone together.

Michele leaves behind her brothers Bernard and Keith Smith, Ronald Brown, and sisters Melvise Barrett and Sharon Brown. She is also survived by her six children Derek Dennis, William Dennis, Jeannine Smith, Adam Waddell, Allen Waddell, Agique and Russell Anderson, daughters-in-law, Lashanna, Angela, Stephanie, and Jennyvannessa, eighteen grandchildren Derek, Deshaun, Shaienne, Amaya, Ramel, Shalisha, Asia, Javon, Ayanna, Siah, Dharel, Trevon, Mazurah "Daisha", Adam Jr., Allen Jr., Jennalayah, EdwardAllen, and TroyAllen, eleven great-grandchildren, and a host of family, extended family, and friends.

She will truly be missed.

# *Order of Service*

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## **Music of the Organs**

Rev. Kevin Wade

## **Opening Remarks**

Lashanna Dennis and Derek Dennis Jr.

## **Selection**

“I’ll Always Love My Momma”

The Intruders

## **Poem**

“When Tomorrow Starts Without Me”

Agique Anderson

## **Remarks**

Family and Friends

## **Selection**

“Dear Mama”

by 2Pac

## **Obituary**

Granddaughters: Shalisha, Asia, and Deshaun

## **Eulogy**

Rev. Jay Gooding

## **Final Viewing**

“Take Me to the King”

Tamela Mann

*Final Disposition*

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Ferncliff Crematory  
Hartsdale, New York

# *"When Tomorrow Starts Without Me"*

By: Russell Leon Anderson

*When tomorrow starts without me  
And I'm not there to see; if the sun should rise  
and find your eyes all filled with tears for me.  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today.  
While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.  
I know how much you love me, as much as I love you.  
And each time that you think of me. I know you'll miss me too;  
But when tomorrow starts without me.  
Please try to understand that an angel came and called my  
name and took me by the hand, and said my place was ready.*

*As I turned and walked away, a tear fell from my eye  
for all my life I'd always thought I didn't want to die I had so  
much to live for so much yet to do it seemed almost impossible  
that I was leaving you I thought of all the yesterdays the good  
ones and the bad I thought of all the love we shared and all  
the fun we had so when tomorrow starts without me don't think  
we're far apart for every time you think of me I'm right here  
in your heart.*

## *Acknowledgments*

**The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.**

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**McCall's Bronxwood**

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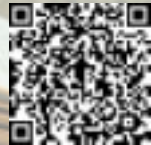
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