

*Celebration of Life for
Diane McDonald-Adolphus*

Sunrise: January 30, 1963 – Sunset: February 26, 2022



Friday, March 11, 2022 – 10am

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2190 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard

New York, New York 10029

Reverend Shari F. Ponder, Executive Pastor

Reverend Dr. William G. Smartt, Pastor of Visitation

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Obituary

Diane McDonald-Adolphus was born in Belize City, Belize on January 30, 1963 to Daphne Evadne McDonald and the late Rudolph McDonald.

Diane grew up in Belize City where she attended St. John's Elementary School and Excelsior High School. She worked as a seamstress before migrating to the United States settling in New York City. Her first job in New York City was working for a real estate association – Associated Builders & Owners of Greater New York where she gained an interest in Business Administration. She later on attended Hostos Community College in the Bronx, NY where she obtained her Associate Degree in Business Administration. She worked with various organizations before landing a position as an Executive Assistant/Office Manager at Spacesmith New York, where she worked until she retired.

Diane never went anywhere without her camera. She took pictures of people in their candid moments. She loved entertaining, traveling, cooking, gardening, sewing, and anything DIY (Do it Yourself). Diane was the friend you went to for advice and guidance. She knew exactly what to say to bring clarity to your situation. A true friend that would just listen and never judge! Her smile was infectious and brightened up any room.

Diane leaves behind to cherish her loving memory: mother, Daphne Evadne McDonald; husband, Wayne Adolphus; her daughter, Brittney Hemmans; her siblings, Judith, Allison, Phillip and Godwin McDonald; several nieces and nephews; her aunt, cousins, and in-laws; and a host of family members and friends.

May her soul rest in peace.

Order of Service

- Prelude.....Leon Reid, Pianist
- Greeting.....Rev. Dr. William G. Smartt
- Hymn of Celebration.....“How Great Thou Art”
Nia Drummond, Soloist
- Scriptures:
Old Testament: Psalm 84.....Judith McDonald
New Testament: Revelation 21:1-7, 22-27
- Prayer.....Rev. Shari F. Ponder
- Celebration in Song..... “Because He Lives”
Nia Drummond, Soloist
- Reflections.....Jane Smith
Sharon Parks/Barbara Miller
Janet Lovell/Melvin Burgess, Jr.
- Obituary.....Brittney Hemmans
- Celebration in Song.....“It Is Well With My Soul”
Nia Drummond, Soloist
- Meditation.....Rev. Dr. William G. Smartt
- Liturgical Dance.....Houlifah Coburn
- Acknowledgments.....Rev. Dr. William G. Smartt
- Committal.....Rev. Dr. William G. Smartt
- Recessional Hymn.....“When We All Get To Heaven”

INTERMENT

Calverton National Cemetery
Wading River, New York

Footprints

One night a woman had a dream. She dreamed she was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from her life. For each scene, she noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to her, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of her life flashed before her, she looked back at the footprints in the sand. She noticed that many times along the path of her life there was only one set of footprints. She also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in her life.

This really bothered her and she questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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