



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Alexis S. Celestin

Sunrise
December 8, 1978

Sunset
March 6, 2022



Service

Saturday, March 19, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

202-03 Hollis Ave. • Jamaica, New York 11412

Dr. Frankco Harris, Officiating

Tyries Walker, Organist



Order of Service

Musical Prelude	Tyries Walker
Opening Statement.....	Reverend Dr. Frankco Harris
Prayer of Comfort	Reverend Dr. Frankco Harris
Hymn of Comfort.....	“Amazing Grace Katucia Lamarre accompanied by Tyries Walker
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament.....	Psalm 23
New Testament	Philippians 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
Selection.....	“Take Me To The King - Tamela Mann” Katucia Lamarre accompanied by Tyries Walker
“Serenity Prayer”	Noel Celestin, (son)
“I Needed The Quiet”	Joshua Celestin, (son)
Acknowledgements, Cards, and Resolutions	
Reflections.....	Melinda Katz, Queens County District Attorney Ayanna Edwards Renee Jacobs Laverne Jeffrey Colette Fraser Roy Walters Claudia (Nicola) Langevine Other Family/Friends, as time permits
Special Tribute	Dennis Harry (father)
Obituary	Steven Celestin (husband)
Selection.....	Tyries Walker
Eulogy	Reverend Dr. Frankco Harris
Final Viewing	
Benediction	Reverend Dr. Frankco Harris
Recessional	

Interment

Pinelawn Memorial Park
Farmingdale, New York

Obituary

This is a reflection of our beloved **Alexis**, who was born on December 8, 1978 at Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY. She was the first child born to Mr. Dennis Harry and the late, great Brenda Elizabeth Harry - who preceded Alexis back to God's side only 6 months and 5 days beforehand. Alexis has been reading on a sandy beach in Heaven since March 6, 2022.

In the Harry's 'Baby Record Book' for Alexis, one could see that she was destined for greatness. Brenda herself wrote "Alexis is a very beautiful baby. She is 20 inches long, she has large brown eyes, very thick hair, cute, cute, cute. She is my special girl. Alexis was loved very much by her entire family. Myself, Dennis, Granny, Laverne, Bornel, Clyde, Colette, and Sherwin were all living together in a 3 bedroom apartment in Brooklyn. Alexis had lots of hands to take care of her as a baby and she loved it all being from hands to hands." The first 'favorite plaything' listed on the 1 year old page was "books". She never stopped loving to read, learn, and teach.

This was all a preview of what would be an amazing life filled with many highlights. She was:
- A graduate of Hofstra University, who actually put law school on hold for 1 year to work as a Supervisor at Verizon. She was hired as a 21 year old boss after 1 prior summer job there.
- A Harvard Law School graduate (2003), whose only grudge against her mother was that she could not go to Stanford Law School, where she was also admitted.

- A breathtaking and inspirational wife of 16+ years.
- The incredibly proud Mother of Noel (16) and Joshua (12).
- The heroic bonus Mom and Guardian of Tiana (14) and Lisa (8).
- The loving pet Mom of Cracker(jack) (R.I.P.), Charlie (R.I.P.), Mikey (R.I.P.) and Caesar.
 - The strong, independent, funny, painfully honest, brilliant, courageous, fierce, sophisticated, and globetrotting cousin, soul-sister, prankster, and friend of an awesome family in Far Rockaway, Queens and far beyond.
- The former WilmerHale rockstar associate, Westchester County Assistant D.A., Teach For America graduate, trailblazing Math Teacher in Gwinnett County, GA, awe-inspiring Math Teacher at Korea International School in Gyeonggi-do, South Korea, and Deputy Director of the Conviction Integrity Unit of the Queens County District Attorney's Office.
 - The beautiful black version of 'Murphy Brown'.
 - The female 'Black Mamba'.
- A gentle and inspirational giant amidst humankind, whose footprints we all still live in.

She passed after having the most peaceful, tranquil, and enjoyable week of her marriage and life. After recent years of stress, trauma, and grief (which never slowed down this Saint), she finally had the serenity she was craving and deserving. God decided she should rest at that emotional mountaintop. She never wanted to be a chronically sick or long suffering incapacitated/bedridden patient, and God spared her that. Her children and legacy are shocked and shaken, but still strong and surviving. We will all find a way to be OK, in Alexis' honor, and should each aim to live the full, impactful, fulfilling, and enriching life that Alexis certainly did. We are all blessed and better off for having Alexis in our lives in every way she touched them. Thank you to all the people that were a part of her amazing life, everywhere. We love you Alexis, and you will be sorely missed but NEVER forgotten.

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!*



Acknowledgements

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the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

May God Bless and Keep You!

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