

Celebrating the Life of



Lonnic White

SUNRISE: December 19, 1962

SUNSET: May 1, 2022

Friday, May 13, 2022 - 11am

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

1406 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11233

Rev. Jones, Officiating

Steven Moore, Organist

Obituary

On Sunday, May 1, 2022, **Lonnice D. White** (aka Rye, Weezie or Bootz) peacefully entered into eternal rest, surrounded by some of her loving and devoted family members at Kings County Hospital. Among them was her son, Savon, Aunt Helen (who also assisted in her delivery into the world), cousin, Tonya "Twig", her cousin/sister, Kelli, brother, Andre and companion, Shabazz "Happy."

Lonnice entered this life on December 19, 1962, in Brooklyn, New York to Ruth "Rudy" White and the late Sinclair Callender. Lonnice was always one to do things her way. It all started with her being born in her home at 46 Christopher Ave., with her two aunts delivering her. Even at birth, she was so strong that she didn't need to be taken to the hospital. Lonnice was educated in the Brooklyn Public School System. Lonnice hated school, and, ironically, she would end up working in the school system. She retired from the New York City Department of Education District 23 as a Teacher Prep.

One of her greatest joys was being a mother. Lonnice has one son, Savon, who she adored and spoiled. But she was also a second mom to all her nieces and nephews, especially her little dude Trust and big dude Saquan and the daughter from another mother, Tranise. She didn't ask for it, but she gladly accepted the role and has been the glue of our family. She hosted celebrations for whatever and whoever she could think of to celebrate. She earned her apron in the kitchen and was well known for her finger-licking turkey wings, sweet candy yams, and crab salad.

Twig was one of her favorite cousins, Lonnice trusted her with the care of her dear mother whenever Lonnice couldn't or wasn't sitting by her mother's bedside. Aunt Helen has held a special place in Lonnice's heart over the past few decades and has been like a second mother to her. Lonnice changed names with each chapter of her life and each one had a story. She also gave everyone a nickname with a story, especially her family members. Whether you knew her as Lonnice, Rye, Weezie, or Bootz, you adored her and may have experienced being thrown out of her house or cussed out; however, it was all done with love.

She was preceded in death by her oldest brother, Gregory Callender and youngest brother, Ronnie Callender. She leaves to cherish her memories: her mother, Rudy; her son, Savon; her four siblings, Tracy Bennett-Lee, Andre Fletcher, Tamara Callender, and Cynthia Gibson-Coger (Jermaine); nine nieces and nephews, Tanasha Stinson (Travis), Tranise Bennett, Tuesdai Callender, Saquan Callender, Talia Lee, Marcus Lee, Sinclair Gibson, Yazmin Wilson, Tamia Callender, and Andre Fletcher; fifteen great-nieces and nephews; aunts and a host of cousins and friends.

God saw her pain and suffering and did what He thought was best, He put His arm around her and whispered, "Come Home and Rest."

Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

INTERMENT:

Cypress Hills Cemetery
Brooklyn, New York

When I Must Leave You

When I must leave you for a little while
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years
But start out bravely with a gallant smile
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same
Feed not your loneliness on empty days
But fill each waking hour in useful ways
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
And hold you near
And never, never be afraid to die
For I am waiting for you in the sky!
-Helen Steiner Rice

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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