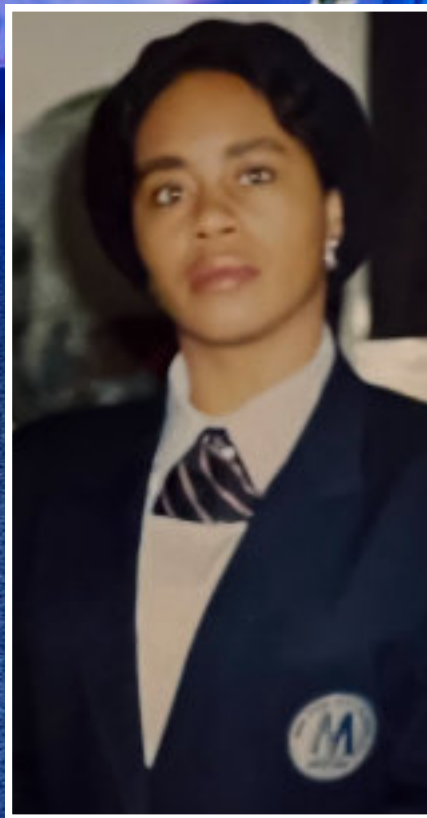


Celebrating the Life of



Lena A. Chamberlain

Sunrise: September 22, 1953

Sunset: October 4, 2022

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 @ 6PM

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Obituary

Ms. Lena Adrena Quinton Chamberlain was born September 22, 1953 in Harlem, NY. She was raised by her mother Mariel Esmeralda Quinton, her father Clyde Demill and her stepfather Austin Nesbitt. She was the oldest of five children raised in her mother and stepfather's household. Her older brother, Lauritz, grew up in the Virgin Island of Saint Croix.

As the oldest child in the house, a lot of responsibilities were given to her at an early age. These responsibilities helped shape, mold and develop the strong, driven, independent, family caring woman she was famously known to be.

Lena had so many fond memories growing up with her brothers and sisters as well as all the cousins, aunts and uncles who lived close by in the community. In this same neighborhood Lena met and fell in love with Dudley Chamberlain Jr.

Dudley and Lena got married and had one child, a son named Marlon in 1972. They moved to the Bronx and spent a decade happily married, but during the early to mid-80's, their relationship started to change. They separated, eventually divorced, which saddened her deeply, however this is also the same time she found the job of her dreams.

She started working for the NYC Transit Authority in 1984. Titled as a Railroad Clerk, she was expected to count and distribute large amounts of cash, helped thousands of customers find their way throughout the city and worked long hours, and she loved it! Lena was excited about the daily challenges it provided and regained sense of independence it gave her.

After the divorce she had a couple of short-term relationships but did not find real happiness until she met Richard Pryor. Richard and Lena were coworkers at the Transit Authority. They started out as friends but quickly grew into life partners. They went on cruises, trips around the country, spas and all sorts of romantic events. Lena was incredibly happy again, in fact Lena was in love. Sadly, it did not last as Richard unexpectedly passed away and left Lena heartbroken once again. After Richard's passing, she focused her energy on work and her love for fashion.

From a young age Lena had a strong sense of style and flare. In fact, all the Quintons were sharp dressers. In the 70's and 80's Lena wore all the trendy clothes and has a tremendous hat and shoe collection. She undeniably understood style and grace.

Remembering this time in her life, Lena recommitted to fashion in the 2000's. QVC and HSN became a few of her favorite shopping destinations. Around this time Lena decided to say goodbye to her job.

After 35 years of employment with the MTA, she retired in 2019. She felt a strong sense of pride and accomplishment working for a reputable company for 35 years.

Sadly, she did not get to enjoy the freedom of her retirement. In 2020 Lena's health began to decline. 2021 and 2022 she had several hospital and rehabilitation centers visits.

On October 4, 2022 at the age of 69 Lena Chamberlain transitioned from this Earth.

Here are some important things to Lena:

- She enjoyed cooking.
- She enjoyed music and thought it was healing for the soul.
- She still enjoyed fashion and expected everyone to dress to impress.
- She loved animals; had dogs, cats, a rabbit and turtle as pets.
- She enjoyed horoscopes, numerology and birthdays.
- She was truly a family historian - she knew a big amount of our family tree and always remembered everyone's birthday.
- She loved plants, flowers and nature.

Lena is survived by her son Marlon, Daughter-in-law Shriya, granddaughter Naiya, siblings Ronald, Tyrone, Mary and Muriel with a large amount of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Order of Service

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**FINAL DISPOSITION:
Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York**

LUCILLE BRODERSON

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY

I could follow the faithful
down the gold carpet,
pray before the pastor
with the always smiling face.
I could bow my head,
kneel on the little bench.

But I sit high on a porch,
birds scratch on the roof above me,
mallards swim by, swallows dip
from tree to tree.
Ferns are freckled with copper,
weeds yellow among the junipers.

I've done what I can,
picked berries in season,
cut back canes, snapped beans,
scrubbed down the mud-spattered walls.

I've buried the mother, the father,
the brothers, the sisters, the husband.
The sick room is clean now,
the weeping over.

Let the day come, let it come
as dust billowing or hail
ripping leaves and baring trees.
Let the day be a black strip
on the horizon or a flash
of light across the valley.

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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