



My love, my life, and best friend.

I know death is inevitable but would have never thought it would be this soon. No words, thoughts or mood can describe the way I feel now, but I know that God's grace will give me the strength and comfort needed to stay strong during this time. Mom, you were the epitome of a strong black woman, a loving wife, an awesome mother, and most of all a woman of God.

My mother, the matriarch of the family wholeheartedly believed in "Love" no matter what. If she had your cellphone number, she ended her texts with the words 'I love you.' That is also all she wanted to hear – 'I love you.' This may have been a challenge for me to say, and sometimes she would be mad at me for it because in her stubborn way, she wasn't trying to hear that. But I always reassured her to not take it personal because I've learned to let my actions of love show more than words can say. And those who know me well, can attest that there wasn't anything in the world I would not do for mom.

So now mom, where do I go from here? Who can I call 20 times a day to tell about my day and every move I made or just to ask the same questions over and over? Now who's going to call me 'back to back' to get mad when I can't answer the call because I'm working or doing something at the time?

And how about when I call you back only to find you was only calling to see how 'I' was doing. It was nothing I could do but say to myself, 'you gotta' love her!'

There is much to say about my mother. I can continue to talk about her love for people. I can continue to talk about the love and respect she had for her husband. And I can continue to talk about her love for her children and grandchildren. But there were two important aspects of her life she loved the most; and they were her afternoon soap operas and her church. If you wanted to speak with mom, don't try and call and/or try and speak with her between the hours of 12:30 and 4:00p.m. I don't care if it was an emergency or not, she would either not answer you or act like she was not listening. And the second thing was her church, the Supernatural Deliverance Revival Tabernacle, affectionately known as S.D.R.T. She loved her church no matter what. She went to church many times in pain. She went to church other times tired. She went to church sometimes broken. Whatever it was, she never wanted to miss attending her church and I always knew that S.D.R.T. was on her road map to glory. With every breath she took, she understood her priorities – her God, her Family, and her Church.

Finally, mom was always fighter. She continued to fight for her family. Particularly, she never gave up on me saying, "this is my child I'm gonna love her no matter the outcome." And so, when it was my turn, I knew in my heart I owed her the same in return. However, God had a different plan for her. He needed his Angel more than we at this time. So, she fought a good fight. She finished her course. She kept the faith.

*So, mom, thinking of our unorthodox bond so true,
Your wish for me to get myself right with God, I grant to you,
I will love the Lord wholeheartedly the way you did,
And carry on the torch as farewell to thee I bid,
A pledge to hold the family down,
Ensuring dad and children are ok as we press toward the crown,
Just like the one you've pressed to gain,
Now you rest in heavenly dove attained.*

*Love Always your one and only daughter,
Ikeysha*

Acknowledgements

We deeply appreciate all acts of kindness, words of sympathy, and deeds of thoughtfulness expressed, implied, or demonstrated to us during our bereavement. May God bless each of one you for the kindness you have shown.

*Love,
The Family*



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Celebrating The Life of



Missionary *Denise Rahim*

Sunrise
March 23, 1952

Sunset
January 1, 2019

Homegoing Service

Friday, January 11, 2019

Viewing: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Service: 7:00 p.m.

Bethlehem Judah Christian Fellowship
83 Galloping Hill Road • Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208
Bishop Anthony W. Gilyard, Host Pastor
Apostle Leonard Rayam, Eulogist

Obituary

Denise Rahim was born on March 23, 1952 to the late Majorie Goodman at Magaret Hayes Hospital in Jersey City, New Jersey, but reared by the late Corrine and Willie Judon. She attended Weequahic High School in Newark, New Jersey and after graduating furthered her studies and training through the Manpower Program (Train for Success). Soon after, Denise attracted the Lover of her Life David Rahim and was united in Holy Matrimony on September 8, 1973. He literally became her other half for over 45 years and to this union were born two children – Ikeysha and David Kendell.

Denise gave her heart to the Lord at a very young age. She was a member of the Deliverance Evangelistic Center under the Leadership of the late Apostle Arturo Skinner and later a member of God’s Deliverance Temple under the leadership of her uncle, the Reverend Marin Mixson. In 1983, she followed her sister Doreen in fellowship, without any hesitation, and joined the Supernatural Deliverance Revival Tabernacle under the leadership of Apostle Leonard Rayam. Blessed with the gifts of singing, ministry in Worship and Praise to God, and having a passion for missions she served FAITHFULLY. In her quietness but with STERNESS also served as the Head of the Missionary Board, the Assistant Choir Director, member of the Mother’s Board, Women’s Ministry (WASA), and was a songstress for Communion Services. Denise pressed her way to church – in pain, but always turned it around to PRAISE. Denise was that *‘Proverbs 31 Woman:’* One of Faith – Marriage – Mothering – Service – Financial Stewardship – Homemaking – and True Beauty.

Denise was a lady of Love, Eloquence, Vigor, and Fashion with a special love of jewelry. She loved her children, help nurture her nieces and nephews, and fulfilled her promise to her late brother-in-love (Freddie) to ensure that Letha and Jackie were reared in a Godly way. She was a child care provider for others and under her care were able to feel her love and caring spirit. Denise was also known for her cooking and baking skills. But what stood out to many people was her specialty of Macaroni Salad.

Denise was preceded by death by her parents, brothers – Redell Ginn, Verdell Gin, Samuel Goodson, Roland Goodson, and Victor Goodson.

She leaves to cherish her memories of over 45 years, her husband Elder David Rahim; Her children Ikeysha and David Kendall (Victoria), grandchildren Yolanda, Jeremiah, De’Neesha, Shaheed, Saniyah, and Zarainah; Great-Grandchildren Ethan; Sisters Sandra Cabrera, Evangelist Marcia Goodson-Mobley, JoAnn Emmanuel, Minister Doreen Rayam (John), Sisters in Love– Pleasant, Carol, Belinda, Fatimah, Louise (Samuel), Josephine, Diane, and Ula; Brother – Elijah; Goddaughter – Erica Lawson (Erwin); Spiritual Son – Pastor Emmanuel Rayam (Lynette); a host of aunts, cousins, nephews, nieces, and Supernatural Deliverance Revival Tabernacle Family.

Since June fifteenth, of two thousand and ten at 6:30 pm, Denise was getting her house in order by scribing her shared thoughts for and with her family and church. Although we wanted her to be with us forever, God’s plan was complete when she transitioned from Earth to Glory on January 1, 2019. Life will not be the same without Missionary Denise Rahim! She is forever in our HEARTS and we shall see her again in Glory!

Denise’s Last Words written in 2010:
“Don’t shed tears for me. I know you will miss me, but I have gone to a better place where there is no more pain, no sickness, no bills, no worrying, no crying in the midnight hour, and no more wheel chair! Though I have gone home, I know my prayers will be answered. To my children, grandchildren, great grands – Stay with God and Love him. Allow him to order your steps. Stay in Church! Don’t turn your back on God. To Apostle Rayam and the SDRT church Family – David and I love you so much! We all have to pass this way. Maybe some sooner than others – But be ready because we don’t know the day or the hour. STAY WITH GOD! I LOVE YOU ALL SO SO SO SO SO MUCH!”

Missionary Denise Rahim



Order of Service

Praise and Worship.....	Minister Taishida Chapman
Processional.....	The Family Supernatural Deliverance Revival Tabernacle Family
Presider.....	Minister Doreen Rayam (Sister)
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament Psalm 23:1-6.....	Evangelist Odessa Wise
New Testament John 14:1-4.....	Deaconess Genevieve Wade-Chapman
Prayer of Comfort.....	Evangelist Lenora Moore
Selection.....	“Safe In His Arms” Supernatural Deliverance Revival Tabernacle Led by Bernadette White
Special Tributes.....	Asst. Pastor & Lady Emmanuel Rayam Evangelist Marcia Diane Goodson – Mobley (Sister) Louise Martin-Byrd & Josephine Porter (Sister in Loves) Jeremiah & Saniyah (Grandchildren) Latasha Rischer (Niece)
Solo.....	“I Wont Complain”
Tribute.....	Family & Friends (2 minutes please)
Cards, Acknowledgements & Resolutions.....	Deaconess Yuculetta Snipe
Solo.....	Lorelei Harrison-Cromer (Cousin)
Obituary.....	Evangelist Dorrice Rayam-Johnson (Niece)
Selection.....	“I’ll Make It” Supernatural Deliverance Revival Tabernacle Choir Led by Rhonda White-Charles
Eulogy.....	Apostle Leonard Rayam
Parting View	
Solo.....	“I Shall Wear a Crown”
Crowning Ceremony.....	Ikeysha Rahim (Daughter)
Recessional	

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Immediately flowing service in the fellowship hall of the church