I Am Your Only Girl

That is what Stephanie would always say to me. She guarded this title fiercely. She loved her nieces but reminded me that she was the first girl. (smile)

Stephanie had an interrupted life during her early years because of illness and extended stays in the hospital caused by a heart condition. She was strong and endured it all. I remember telling her to enjoy life before she settled down. She followed my suggestion and traveled to many states in the US and the Caribbean with friends and/or with her partner Adrian Garcia. When doing so, she made many friends and touched many lives.

The last year of her life was really hard. As her mother, I felt her pain, wishing I could take it away. I could only administer medications, hold her hand, give her love, hugs and encouragement.

During the last few days in the ICU, I had to make the decision to Let Go and Let God take her to his side. I am thankful to have had her for 61 years, because there were times early in her life that her chances of surviving were not good.

That hole left in my heart will never be filled, but I know she has no more pain.

Rest in Peace my Beautiful Girl, my only Daughter.

I will love you Always,
Your Mother, Jeanette



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A Celebration of the Life of

Stephanie T. Harrell

September 17, 1961~ July 3, 2023



HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 at 3 PM

DAVIS FUNERAL HOME
89 Walnut Ave., Roxbury, MA 02119

Fr. Oscar Pratt, Officiating

Life Reflections



A Time To Be Born

Stephanie Theresa Harrell was born on September 17, 1961, in Boston Mass at Boston City Hospital. She was the first born of three children to Robert Harrell Jr. and Norma Jeanette McCreary. Being the oldest child, Stephanie grew up with a lot of love from her grandparents and older cousins. Stephanie was born with congenital heart problems which made it difficult for her to associate with her peers during her younger years.

After Robert & Norma's marriage the family moved from Roxbury, Mass to the South end of Boston to the Cathedral Housing Projects. Her father was a professional dancer while Norma stayed at home to raise Stephanie and her two siblings Robert Harrell III and Stephen Norman Harrell. Stephanie was raised in the catholic faith and attended St. Francis Kindergarten, Cathedral Grammar School and graduated from Cathedral High School in 1980. Stephanie's father Robert Harrell Jr. passed away during her last year of high school.

A Time To Mature

While at Cathedral High school she made many friendships that lasted her entire adult life. During her early years she met her long time partner Adrian Garcia. Throughout her life she experienced many illnesses and operations due to her heart condition. There were no children from this union, but this made her an unusual and special aunt to her nieces and nephew and a devoted Godmother.

A Time To Soar

In the years that followed Stephanie worked at Seyfarth Shaw Law firm as a legal receptionist for more than a decade. Then transferred to the law firm of Goldstein and Manello. Recently Stephanie was employed at the Cam Neely House for cancer recovery as a Patient Service Representative. Because of her long history of medical problems, she was especially caring to the many patients visiting for follow up cancer treatments.

Stephanie & her partner Adrian traveled many times to the Caribbean on vacation alone and with close friends. Stephanie had a special affection for Prince and his music. She once traveled to visit a friend in Minnesota. While there she found out where Prince was living and her obsession with him led her to visit his home unannounced. Needless to say, he was unavailable. However her wish was granted when Prince visited Boston for a surprise concert on Lansdowne Street. She and her friends were at the foot of the stage when he singled her out, grabbed her hand and sang to her.

A Time To Reflect

As we look back on her life, she was a loving daughter, caring sister and loyal friend. She lived life on her own terms, was outspoken and fiercely stubborn. She enjoyed family gatherings and was famously known for her potato salad. Others included her like family as well as those outside her family. We love you Stephanie and will truly miss you.

A Time To Mourn

Stephanie passed away from severe heart complications on July 3, 2023, at Brigham's and Women's Hospital. She leaves the following to honor and cherish her memories: Mother Norma Jeanette Yeary, her long time partner Adrian Garcia, her brothers Robert Harrell III, Stephen Norman Harrell, her 4 nieces and nephew, her aunts Laconia McCreary-Rodgers of Texas and Nancy McCreary of Atlanta, her Aunt/ cousin Kacey King, her uncle Randy McCreary of Florida as well as her many close cousins, extended family members, friends and her two cats.



Order of Service

Organ Prelude		
Procession		
Invocation		Father Pratt
Opening Hymn		Lori Harper
Scripture Readings	Old Testament: *Psalms 25: 4-7*	Father Pratt
	New Testament: *2 Corinthians 1: 3-7*	
Poem	"My Only Girl"	Anitra Brown
Special Remarks		Yvette Seymour Nadja Harrell
Obituary		Robert Harrell, III
Solo Selection		Lori Harper
Eulogy		Father Pratt
Benediction		Father Pratt
Organ Postlude		

