



*So now faith, hope, and love abide,
these three;
but the greatest of these is love.*

I Corinthians 13:13

In Grateful Appreciation

The family of the late Raquel Ebony Daniels wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness and concern, including cards, flowers, phone calls, text messages, social media, visits, your presence here today, and especially your prayers. We also appreciate those who have traveled small and great distances to encourage us during this time. May God bless each of you, and may His peace be with you always.

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In Loving Memory Of



RAQUEL EBONY
Daniels

Sunrise
May 3, 1982

Sunset
June 26, 2021

THURSDAY ~ JULY 8, 2021

Final Viewing: 9:00 ~ 10:00 A.M.

Service: 10:00 A.M.

JOY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

66 East Mount Eden Avenue

Bronx, New York 10452

*"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit".*

~ Psalm 34:18

Order of Service

Officiating Minister
Reverend F. Craig Henry, Pastor
Little Rock Baptist Church ~ Brooklyn, New York

Minister of Music
Minister David E. Sayles

Organ Prelude Minister David E. Sayles

Processional / Final Viewing (*Congregation, please stand as the family enters.*)

Musical Selection Minister David E. Sayles

Scripture Readings Elder Darnell Patterson, Chaplain
Old Testament (Psalm 23)
New Testament (I Corinthians 13)

Prayer of Comfort Reverend F. Craig Henry

Acknowledgment of Cards and Condolences

Obituary Ms. Marion Riggins (aunt)

Musical Selection..... Minister David E. Sayles

Remarks/Homage Empire Funeral Directors Association
{Roslyn Riggins Howard, President}

Reflections
Mrs. Zehr ~ read by Mrs. Tonya Bender
Mrs. Cheryl Gunter (neighbor and friend)
Ms. Cheryl Heath (godmother)
Roslyn Riggins Howard (mother)

Poetic Expression (“*Love Me*”) Mr. Harold Parris

Musical Selection..... Minister David E. Sayles

Eulogy Reverend F. Craig Henry

Funeral Director’s Remarks Mrs. Frances Bell Henry

Recessional (*Friends, please stand, and remain in place until the family has departed the sanctuary.*)

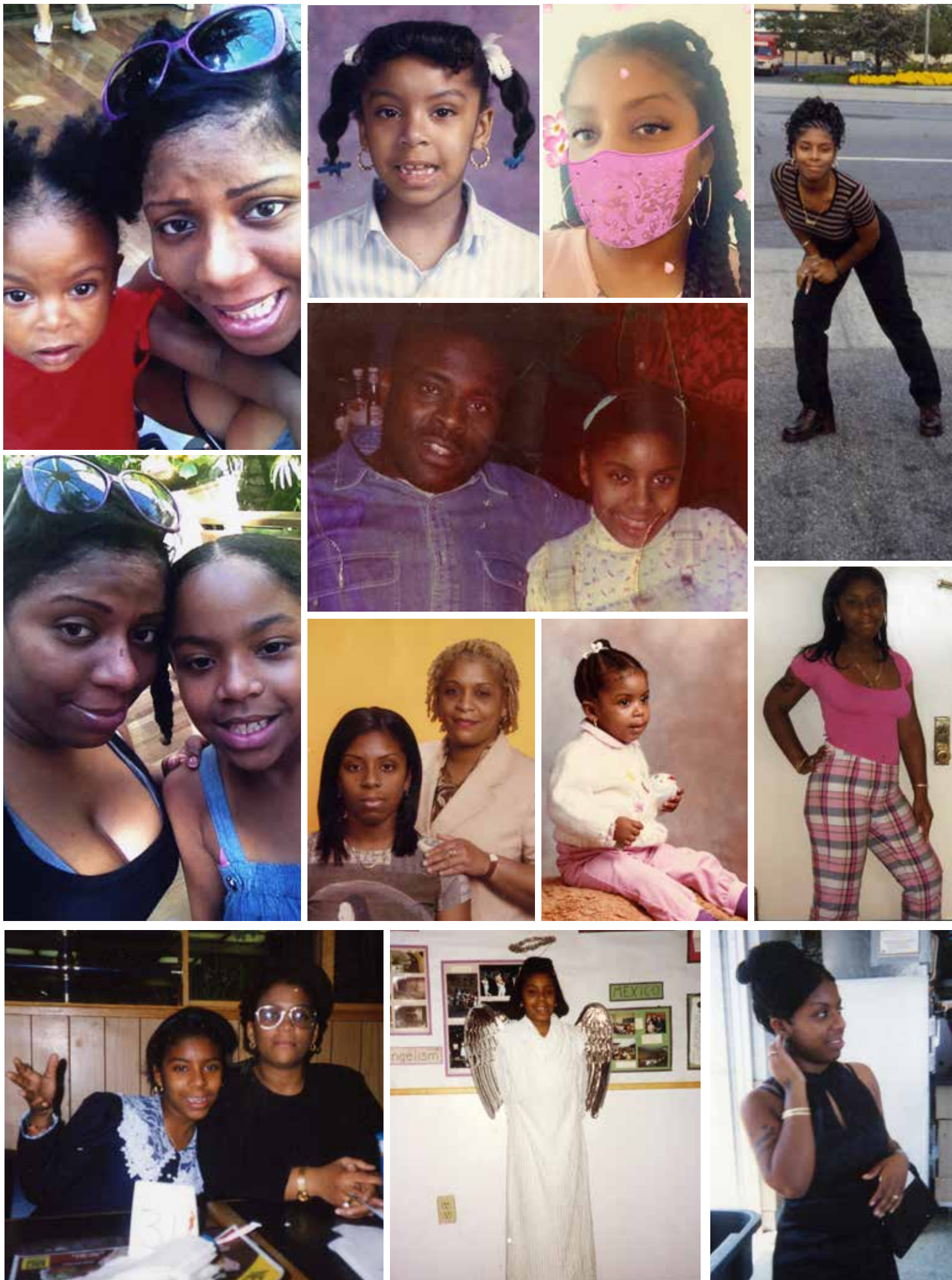
ENTOMBMENT:
Pinelawn Memorial Park Mausoleum
Farmingdale, New York

REPAST INVITATION:
Immediately following the entombment,
we invite you back to the church for food and refreshments.

DESIDERATA

Go placidly amid the noise and haste,
and remember what peace there may be in silence.
As far as possible without surrender,
be on good terms with all persons.
Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.
Keep interested in your own career,
however humble, it is a real possession
in the changing fortunes of time.
Take kindly the counsel of the years,
gracefully surrendering the things of youth.
Nurture strength of spirit
to shield you in sudden misfortune;
but do not distress yourself with imaginings.
Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.
Beyond a wholesome discipline,
be gentle with yourself.
You are a child of the universe:
no less than the trees and the stars;
you have a right to be here.
And whether or not it is clear to you,
no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.
Therefore be at peace with God,
whatever you conceive Him to be.
Whatever your labors and aspirations
in the noisy confusion of life,
keep peace with your soul.
With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams,
it is still a beautiful world.
Be Cheerful! Strive to be Happy!

Max Erhmann



Obituary

Raquel Ebony Daniels was born on May 3, 1982 in Queens, New York, the one and only child born to Roslyn S. Riggins and Tony Daniels. Raquel was the first granddaughter and niece on her mother's side of the family, and on both sides, she was adored and welcomed into a larger family of grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, and many cousins.

Raquel attended Public School 40 in Jamaica, Queens for the first and sixth grades, Conewago Elementary School in Dover, Pennsylvania for the second grade, Joy Fellowship Christian School for the third through sixth and seventh grades, Middle School 118 in the Bronx, A. Philip Randolph High School in Harlem, St. Pius V High School in the Bronx, and then, compelled by her mother, in May of 2000, she completed her formal education, receiving her high school diploma -- a cap and gown graduation ceremony just as she turned eighteen. Raquel was very proud to say that she had been driving since she was eighteen, and had her driver's license to prove it.

Having grown up in Joy Fellowship Church, Raquel received Christ in her heart at a young age, and kept her private relationship with God through every changing scene of her life. She was a *"Boogie-down Bronx girl"* with great memories of the events of her life, and she made friends everywhere she went. Raquel loved dancing, shopping, fine dining, decorating, cooking, traveling, and being on the phone ... just talking. Raquel was artistic, and had a love and an eye for designer brands, fashion, and arts & crafts. She could create and sew many beautiful things. Raquel attended college, nursing school and other training courses, including cooking and sewing classes, exploring different pathways in life seeking to better herself. In her pursuits, she achieved her real estate license, and became a bus operator for the Metropolitan Transit Authority. Raquel would seek training and education to acquire knowledge and skill for the purpose of accomplishing her goals, whether it be for a job in that field or just to gain know-how for a hobby.

Raquel was enterprising, always striving for the better, and to have a quality life. She was ambitious and hard-working for herself and her daughters, inspiring and propelling others with her *go-getter* personality. This independent thinker was always putting into action ways to improve her life. For such a young woman, she had worked a great many jobs before her 25th birthday, at times working two and three jobs at once. Some of the companies included: Best Buy, Cayuga Home for Children, Good Shepherd Services, Home Health Care, Northwell L.I.J., Bloomingdale's, Whole Foods, Amazon, Uber, and lastly Metropolitan Transit Authority. Whether it was her career choice to be a nurse, real estate agent selling homes, or bus driver for the MTA, she pursued her aims with passion. With a spirit of entrepreneurship, Raquel started the KLEEN FEEN business making soaps and body scrubs. She was also very excited to have the SEA BITE FOOD TRUCK which was her pride and joy.

In 2002 at the age of twenty, Raquel gave birth to Madison, and at the age of twenty-eight, she gave birth to Janelle ... and they were her world! Raquel traveled to many U.S. cities, and in 2017, she went to Thailand with friends; later that same year, she traveled with her mother and daughters to Hawaii for nine days. And for her most recent 39th birthday which she just celebrated in May, she went to Jamaica, West Indies with Jermaine.

Throughout her life, Raquel experienced love, heartaches, set-backs, disappointments, the good, the bad, and every indifference; but she would push through every obstacle, seeing the problem to a peaceful end by dusting herself off with prayers and her Zen energy.

Sadly, on Saturday, June 26, 2021, Raquel was called from this life to eternity. Though predeceased by her two endearing aunts, Stephanie and Felicia, and a host of family members on the other side including her very close first cousins, Monique and Keith, she leaves behind her two daughters: Madison and Janelle; her mother, Roslyn Riggins Howard; her father, Tony Daniels; her grandmother, Theresa Bowman; her grandfather, James Bilal; Jermaine (Janelle's father); and Joel (Madison's father); her uncles: Darren (Glori), Vincent, Andre, Germaine, Christopher, Mark, Charles and Farrell; her aunts: Suzanne, Diane, Sabrina, Marion, Valerie, Rachelle (Andy), Nadine (Thomas) and Adilah; first cousins: Rasheed, LaQuan, Gary, Dwan, Devon, Andre, Stephon, Tiani, Jarule, Darren, Jr., David, Daniel, Kailah, Jayden, Justin, Isaiah, Jaylah, Jessica, Viannah, Gemyia, Ila, Ivie, Tykecia, Iyanna, Shaniqua, Ted, Jr., Destiny, Tommie and Love; great-aunts, great-uncles, and a host of 2nd through 4th generations of cousins, Charlene, her *"big sister"*; Marlo, her pet Pekingese; other family members, and friends.

