



Rosabelle Dembo

July 7, 1952 - December 12, 2013

Rosabella Uptigrow Dembo Willis was born on July 7, 1952 to Greene Venus Grant Uptigrow in St. Matthews, South Carolina. She moved to Rockaway at an early age, where she attended the New York Public Schools and graduated from Malloy College.

She was employed by NYS for over 40 years where she retired due to illness. She was preceded in death by her father and her grandchild, Izabella Rosa. In 1999, she met and fell in love with Herman Willis, Jr. and they were married on November 16, 2002.

She leaves to cherish her memories her husband, Herman; her only child and best friend, Verna Terraine Uptigrow; her only granddaughter, Nina Daniella Uptigrow; her mother, Venus Heath of Dover, DE; three brothers, Harry Grant (Linda) of St. Matthews, SC, Henry Uptigrow (Jacqueline) of Rockaway Beach, NY and William Uptigrow (Roslyn) of Far Rockaway, NY; her four godchildren, Michael Uptigrow, Monique Emener, Kayshawn Robinson and Jayden Kennedy; her father-in-law, six sisters-in-law; special girlfriends whom she referred to as sisters, Denise Menton of Florida, Elizabeth Sussawell McGrier of Greenwood, SC, Glenda Evans Brown, Long Island, NY and Betty Jean Jones (Betty Boop) of Chesapeake, VA; and a host of nieces, nephews and other family and countless friends.

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“ Please accept my condolence. My heart goes out to you in your time of sorrow. May you find comforting Job 14:14, 15, which says, “If an able-bodied man dies can he live again? You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning.”

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