



Yolanda Venessa Raines Ollivierre

June 24, 1952 - April 23, 2019

Yolanda Venessa Raines Ollivierre, who resided in Dover, Delaware, departed this life on April 23, 2019. Yolanda was born on June 24, 1952, in New York City, New York, to the late Ruth Alston. She was raised on Caldwell Avenue in the Bronx, New York by William H. and Mary E. Foster (both deceased). She later moved to South Ozone Park, now known as Southside Jamaica, Queens. Yolanda was “SO SOUTHSIDE, REPPIN SSJQ (Southside, Jamaica Queens)”.

Strong Black Woman is the first thing that comes to mind when it comes to Yolanda. That would be the term that best described Yo-Yo. Those who knew her well and who were the closest to her would refer to her as “Yody”, “Yo-yo” or “Geronimo”, but you would had to have known her for at least half of her life for her to respond to those names. That means that you were part of her inner circle that included so many men, women and children whose life was impacted by her.

Yo-Yo was not only a “Mom” to her own kids, but to any kid in South Side Jamaica, Queens, whether they agreed to it or not. If she caught you doing something that she knew your parents would not agree with, she would automatically take the role of your parent. She would correct you on the spot, by any means necessary, and then take you home to your own mama and watch you get your butt whipped all over again. She believed in the concept of

“It takes a village to raise a child” and she was always willing to do her part.

The impact that she made on the lives of others is so overwhelming, but just how much of an affect was not felt until after she passed. Be it young or old, the day has not come where whomever crossed her path, has not fallen completely head over heels for Yo-Yo. She was outspoken and blunt, yet had the compassion of a saint. She said what she meant, and meant what she said.

Yo-Yo lived for her children. Everything she did was for the betterment of her children, and later on, her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The life lessons that she passed down will be her legacy for years to come. She was the epitome of a “Phenomenal Woman” and will be missed, but never forgotten. It is now time for her to take her place among all of God’s angels. Be blessed and rest easy.

Yolanda is survived by her husband, Charles “Nathan” Ollivierre; eldest son, William D. Foster Cortes; eldest daughter, Sonia E. Cortes-Addison; youngest son, Anthony T. Raines, and baby girl, Saraya C. Ollivierre; grandchildren, William M. Cortes, Tabitha Flores, Roberta Cortes, Nicole DiNardo, Alvin C. Addison, Aaliyah Y. Addison, and soon to come Anastasia S. Raines and Anthony D. Raines; great-grandchildren, Amir Cortes, Nathaniel DiNardo, Natalie DiNardo, Jaliyah Cortes, Jeremy DiNardo and Jeremiah DiNardo; sisters, Sheila McDonald (Arnold), Deborah Steele (Johnny), Melody White (Tony) and Tonia Jones (Kenny), Debra Kemp and Christine Merritt; brother, Lawrence Foster (Margarite); lifelong friends, Karen Williams, Sharon Owens-Duff and Donna Farley; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and surrogate children who will miss her dearly.

Lovingly submitted by the Family

Tribute Wall

BP

“ I am truly sorry about your loss it's hard when we lose a loved one. However, I wanted to let you know that we can be comforted by a future hope. Soon there will be no more pain or sorrow. All the former things have passed away. (Rev 21:3,4)

BP - May 30, 2019 at 01:12 PM

AR

“ I like to express my deepest sympathy for your loss. It was never God's intent that death should rule over mankind. - Romans 5:12; 1Corinthians 15:26, 55; God will do away with death. But for now God has provided hope-as stated at John 5:28, 29. During this most painful time please find comfort from God's word.

Artina - May 04, 2019 at 01:50 PM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on God's promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces." 201d

H. Fields - April 30, 2019 at 06:46 PM

SR

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Rest assured that God will be with you all during this time because he is aware of the pain that each of you are feeling. May he give you the strength to endure and the hope, to look forward to the day you will see Yolanda again, just as God has promised. (John 5:28, 29)

SR - April 30, 2019 at 06:39 PM

MW

“ 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, \u201cif 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.\u201d Ms Woodson

Ms Woodson - April 30, 2019 at 03:23 PM

IR

“ Sorry for the passing of your love one. Read Psalms 46:1 for words of comfort and peace.

Irene - April 30, 2019 at 12:20 PM

NS

“ I have so many memories of you Yolanda. I know you are the only person i can talk to for hours and never get tired. From my 20s to my 40s ypu have been there...when i had my son...you came to see us...when i moved to NC you came to see us...my rock..my super strong friend..sister..confidante...its NOTHING i could tell you about my life that you didnt go through and could advise on. You were such a huge part of my life..i feel like i lost part of my life now. Its going to be hard not being able to pick up the phone to talk to you..now ill talk through my heart..i remember telling you we got to say i love you cuz it's so many dying. I love you my sister..i know you're in peace!

Nataka Scott - April 29, 2019 at 05:29 PM

HS

“ With deepest sympathy. You all are in our thoughts

Heartfelt Sympathies Store - April 28, 2019 at 11:46 PM

HS

“ Our condolences to Will, Sonia, Anthony & family. Love Kha & Shelly

Heartfelt Sympathies Store - April 28, 2019 at 01:17 PM

JO

“ The loss of a love one is so very hard on the family, but know that you can go to our Heavenly Father in prayer and he will give you strengthen and comfort you. (Revelation 21:4)

JoyceA - April 27, 2019 at 10:44 AM

GR

“ *My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. Times like this are so difficult to deal with as we mourn those we love. May you find some comfort in the promises Almighty God gives us in His Word, the Bible (Hebrews 4:12). One outstanding promise He gives is that one day his only-begotten son, Jesus Christ has been given the power and authority to bring back to life all those who have died (John 5:28, 29). Jesus showed he could and would do this when on earth he raised a dear friend from death (John 11:43, 44). Death is an enemy even to God (1 Corinthians 15:26). That is why He is going to have death removed forever along with other things that cause mankind pain and suffering (Revelation 21:3, 4). Keep that real hope alive and it will strengthen you in the days ahead! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

George & Christine Ragusa - April 27, 2019 at 10:22 AM

JM

“ *TO CHARLES AND FAMILY, MAY THE ALMIGHTY SAVIOUR KEEPS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN HIS COMFORTS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME, FAMILY HANG IN. THERE AND CHERISH ALL OF THE GREAT MEMORIES YOUR HAD WITH YOLONDA ,JIMMY MUNSON*

JIMMY Munson - April 26, 2019 at 05:31 PM

CC

“ *I would like to express my deepest sympathy to family and friends. May all of your good memories be greater than your sadness during this difficult time. (Isaiah 25:8)*

Christie C - April 26, 2019 at 08:51 AM