

Her Journey

She had a boldness and stubbornness that made her a fearless protector and fighter. She showed us the miraculous potential for us to make and remake our wings to survive and thrive despite life's challenges.

Now as we mourn, miss, remember and honor Vanessa. We can find comfort knowing that her legacy will continue to live on. All of her teachings, lessons and love are embedded in the souls of the people she touched.

Vanessa leaves her surviving children, her devoted mother Effie Sandles, her siblings (Sharon Greene, Harriett Sandles, Nikita Thomas and Larry Carter), her nieces and nephews and friends who knew and loved her as well.

Expressions

When I'm Gone

This existence of ours is as transient as autumn clouds,
To watch the birth and death of beings
is like looking at the movements of a dance.
A lifetime is like a flash of lightning in the sky,
Rushing by, like a torrent down a steep mountain.

The Buddha

"I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought, and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love."

Leo Buscaglia

Our Sincerest Appreciation

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown during Vanessa's illness and at this time of bereavement. We are especially thankful for The Houston Hospice Inpatient Care Staff for the humane health care extended during Vanessa's transition.

- The Family

Interment

Private

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- HONORING THE LIFE & LEGACY -



Vanessa Faye Derezin

Sunrise
April 5, 1954

Sunset
April 16, 2022

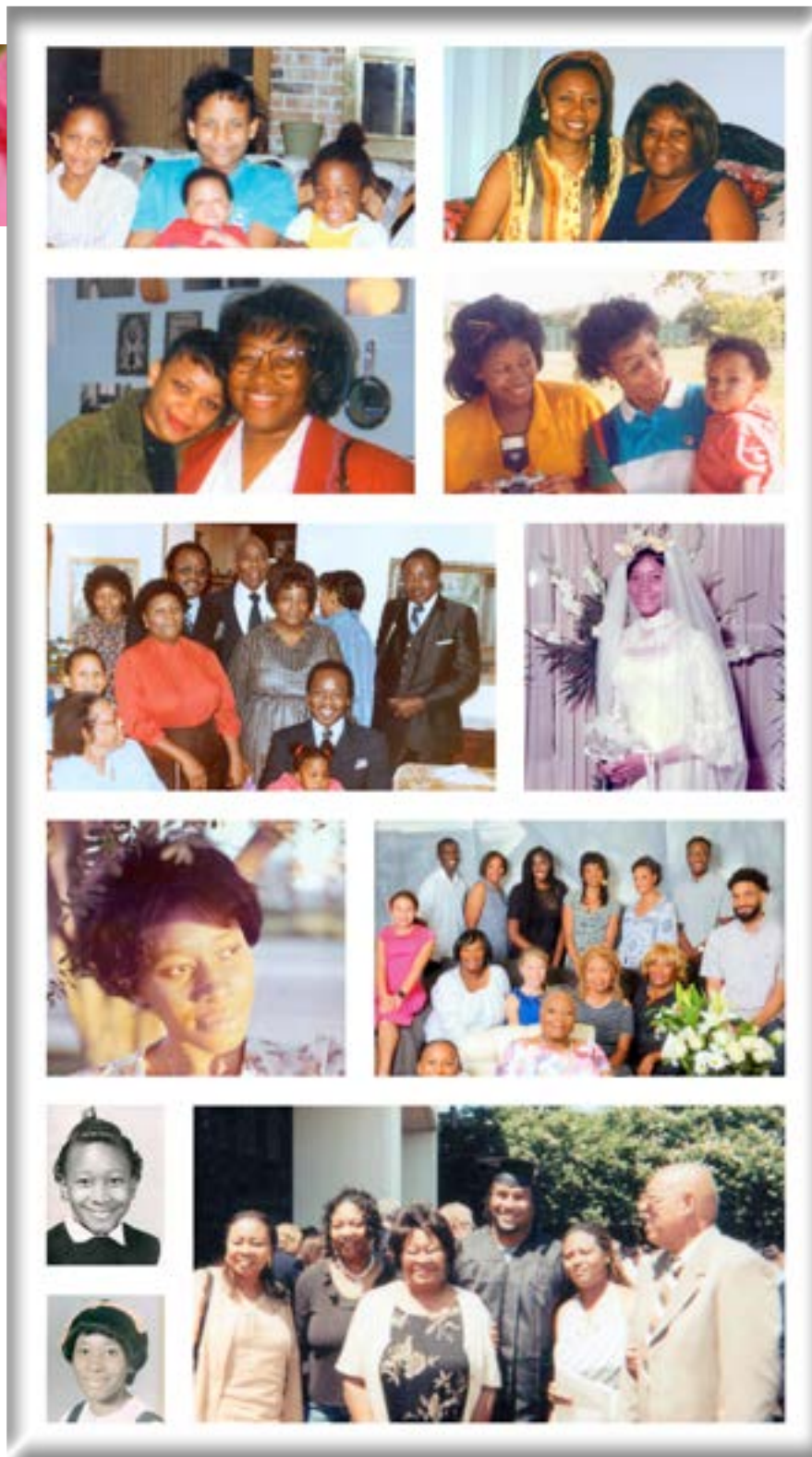
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Vanessa Faye Devezin passed away on April 16, 2022 at the age of 68, in her hometown of Houston, Texas. Her battle with cancer in recent years illustrated her strength, courage and resilience. Despite the obstacles life presented Vanessa knew when to march forward and right the ship or when to smile and laugh in the midst of the storm.

At Jesse H. Jones High School, Vanessa's diverse interests made her an exemplary student in mathematics, science, sewing and the Fine Arts. Years later, Vanessa's determination inspired her to attend Amarillo Community College, and become a registered nurse while she reared her young children.

For over 30 years, Vanessa dedicated her skill, passion and versatility to the wellbeing of her patients and her profession. Throughout her nursing career, she assumed a variety of roles in many acclaimed institutions in the Houston area including: TIRR Memorial Hermann, Kelsey Seybold Clinic, Texas Instruments Incorporated, The University of Houston Student Health Center, Johnson and Johnson, and the University of Texas Health-Harris County Psychiatric Center.

Although Vanessa maintained a strong work ethic as a professional nurse, motherhood remained her most sacred and lifelong purpose. She was the mother of six children: Vanesha Kelley (deceased), Andrew Kelley, Ethan Kelley; Yvette Kelley (deceased), Michael Kelley and David Devezin. She was also the grandmother of two: Moselle Marie Kelley and Ethan Jeffery Arthur Kelley II. In her declining health, she routinely stated that thinking about reuniting with her departed daughters gave her profound happiness and hope. For 68 years, Vanessa marched to the beat of her own drum through life's highs, lows, twists and turns. She loved baking, flowers, dancing, music, learning and creating beauty. She hated injustice, cruelty and closed-mindedness. She had a humility and gentleness that soothed and consoled.



Order of Service

Sunday, the 8th day of May, 2022
Eleven O'clock in the Morning

McCoy and Harrison Funeral Home Chapel
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PROCESSIONAL
Soft Music

PRAYER OF CONSOLATION
Minister/Secular Celebrant

MUSIC

EULOGY: CELEBRATION OF LIFE
Minister/Secular Celebrant

EXPRESSIONS/REFLECTIONS
(Two Minutes Please)

MUSIC

RECESSIONAL
Soft Music



*****Reception Following End of Service*****
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