



## *Serenity*

*God, Grant me the serenity  
to accept the things  
I cannot change,  
the courage to change  
the things I can,  
and the wisdom to  
know the difference.*

## *Acknowledgments*

The **DODDS-SYDNOR** family wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for the support, and prayers during this difficult time. The calls, texts, and profound outpouring of love, has been extremely meaningful and uplifting. Through our cherished memories, **STEPHANIE** will live on in our hearts forever. May we continue to celebrate her life by living with gratitude every single day that we have the ability to take a breath and share our lives with our loved ones.

*Arrangements Entrusted to:*

  
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## *A Celebration of Life*



## *Stephanie Arita Dodds-Sydnor*

SUNRISE: MAY 7, 1948 - SUNSET: DECEMBER 20, 2024

## *Funeral Service*

Saturday, December 28, 2024 • 8:30 A.M.

**BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME**

630 Saint Nicholas Avenue • New York, NY 10030

**DEACON RODNEY BECKFORD**, *Officiating*

**ALSON FARLEY**, *Musician*

## *Interment*

**ST. RAYMOND'S CEMETERY**

Bronx, New York

# Order of Service

**ORGAN PRELUDE** ..... ALSON FARLEY

**INVOCATION** ..... DEACON RODNEY BECKFORD

**SELECTION** ..... ALSON FARLEY

**SCRIPTURE READING** ..... DEACON RODNEY BECKFORD  
OLD TESTAMENT  
NEW TESTAMENT

**PRAYER OF COMFORT** ..... DEACON RODNEY BECKFORD

**SELECTION** ..... ALSON FARLEY

**REFLECTIONS** ..... FAMILY & FRIENDS  
(TWO MINUTES PLEASE)

**OBITUARY** ..... ROXANNE DODDS

**SELECTION** ..... ALSON FARLEY

**EULOGY** ..... DEACON RODNEY BECKFORD

**COMMITTAL & BENEDICTION** ..... DEACON RODNEY BECKFORD

**FINAL VIEWING** ..... FUNERAL DIRECTOR

**RECESSIONAL**

# Obituary

**STEPHANIE ANITA DODDS** was born on May 7, 1948 to Doris Beckman Dodds and Thomas Jefferson Dodds. She passed on December 20, 2024. She had 5 siblings, Roxanne Dodds, Erica A. Dodds and Donna M. Dodds. Her brothers David Dodds and Thomas Dodds, Jr. preceded her in death. Stephanie graduated from Brandeis High School. She worked as a Nurse's Assistant at the Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital for a few years. Later she was employed at the prestigious law firms of F. Lee Bailey and Aaron J. Broder, where she was an office manager and deposition clerk. Always studious, and driven, she graduated from the College of New Rochelle Rosa Parks Campus, on May 29, 1994, where she received her bachelor's degree.

Stephanie had a great love of the Lord and always believed in faith over fear. Stephanie Dodds married the late Alan Sydnor on June 28, 1969 at the Good Shepherd Faith Church. From this union they had one son, William Thomas Avery Sydnor. Stephanie was a devoted mother and leaves behind her loving son William, two grandsons William Thomas John Sydnor, Jr. and Shawn Howard, cherished sisters and brothers-in-law Roy Smith and Clement J. Colucci, loving niece Zoraida Sebastien and her husband Curtis Sebastien, great niece Mia Sebastien, great nephews Cameron and Austin Sebastien, loving cousins Caryl Ralph, Lisa Payne and many other loved ones.

Lovingly submitted,  
The Family

