



Lorraine Hunter Black

March 4, 1941 - April 18, 2022

Lorraine Bettis Hunter Black born to the late Henry and Ella Bettis on March 4, 1941, in Brooklyn, New York. She departed this life April 18, 2022, peacefully in the comforts of her home in Tucson, Arizona.

Lorraine was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York in a loving home with her 3 siblings Henry Bettis Jr. (Junnie), Donald Bettis and Bernice Bettis Dyer (Bunny). From a young age of about 6 she had a love and interest to design clothes, this led her to attend the Fashion Institute of Technology and graduate with an associate degree in fashion. In the late 1950's she was featured on billboards as a Winston Salem model throughout New York subways. She became one of the top young black designers in America featured on a 1960 Jet Magazine cover. She also was featured in Ebony Magazine as a young up and coming teenage black designer touring with Ebony Fashion Fair. Lorraine worked on 5th Avenue in New York city at Maiden Form, Jansen Sportswear, Eileen Sportswear, and later opened her own company Raine' LTD. In the New York fashion industry Lorraine was viewed as a very talented designer and was highly respected. In her latter life she also worked as a real estate agent with Keller Williams in Indianapolis, Indiana and with United Health Care in Tucson, Arizona as a healthcare insurance specialist.

Lorraine also had other talents of being a respected mother and wife. She bore two children with her first husband Ronald Lawrence Hunter (Deceased); Sean David Hunter (Deceased) and Rene Bettis Withers. She remarried and lived in Tucson Arizona. If anyone knew Lorraine, she was a vibrant beautiful person with a smile of gold and a radiant personality. She is that person who viewed life as a glass half full never half empty and was always full of positivity energy and happiness. She loved her family dearly and she engrained the importance of family in her children and all who surrounded her.

Lorraine leaves to cherish her memory her loving devoted daughter Rene Bettis Withers and Son-in-Law Anthony Withers; Husband John Black; Step sons Jay Black and Jerrel Black; Grandchildren Jazmine Holiday, Marvin Watford, Jaylen Hunter and Granddaughter-in-Law Dunia Hunter, Miyah Watford, Malik Hunter and Malia Withers;

Great granddaughter Amara Watford; Brothers Henry Bettis Jr. and Donald Bettis; Sister Bernice Bettis Dyer; Sisters-in-Law Clementine Bettis and Pamela Steele; Brother-in-Law Barrington Dyer Sr.; Nieces Stephanie Bettis and Danielle Bettis; Nephews Donald Bettis Jr., Barrington Dyer Jr., Wendell Dyer, and Devante Bettis and a host of great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Rd
Paramus , NJ 07652

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grace Funeral Chapels
607 North Conduit Blvd.
Brooklyn, NY 11208
info@gracefunerals.com
<https://www.gracefunerals.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Citadel Cathedral of Praise & Worship
105 Barbey Street
Brooklyn, NY 11207

Burial

MAY 3 (ET)

George Washington Memorial Park
234 Paramus Rd
Paramus , NJ 07652

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Lorraine Hunter Black.



May 02 at 12:26 PM

JM

“ *Mama Rain* was a second mom to me. Being a friend of the family for over 20 years we made great memories as a family. She loved all of us as her own and would do anything for us. She cared for my son as an infant and to this day he calls her grandma. She will be missed! Rest easy mama Rain, we will all be here to watch over Rene. Love you

Joy McCall - May 02 at 10:18 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Lorraine Hunter Black.



May 02 at 10:12 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Lorraine Hunter Black.



May 01 at 07:39 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Lorraine Hunter Black.



May 01 at 06:15 PM



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April 30 at 10:12 PM

RW

“ So many memories - we were not only neighbors but dear friends I have sent other memories and just signed my name but failed to use my last name Rachel & Vic Wankling we would be talking on the phone and realize Lorraine was in her back yard and we shared a wall between houses -- this just made us laugh -- that is what we did best laugh == when she lost her son Sean we talked or sent texts on a daily basis and when she returned to Saddlebrooke she shared her pictures of Sean etc. I feel so fortunate that I had Lorraine in my life.... Rachel Wankling

Rachel Wankling - April 30 at 02:20 PM

RW

“ Lorraine and I had a giggle time at least once a week it always boosted our spirits - we worked and played together she was such a dear friend and I could always call on her for help and assistance - I introduced Lorraine to United Health Care and when she had her first enrollment a PDP we shared the excitement with a nice bottle of wine Vic and I joined John and Lorraine on a trip to Palm Springs and spent a glorious 4 days with many laughs - I have photos of Lorraine with her pink hat and shoes to match. I have her picture hanging in my office so I can talk to her on a daily basis - just need to look to the heavens and I know she is there with her smile --I will truly miss you Lorraine Love you As Always Rachel

Rachel Wankling - April 30 at 01:48 PM

FV

“ From Rachel & Vic purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lorraine Hunter Black.



From Rachel & Vic - April 30 at 01:31 PM

CB

“ For several years, I had the pleasure of working with Lorraine during my tenure as ICA Broker Manager at UnitedHealthcare in Tucson, AZ. Not only was she a dedicated Medicare Broker but ALWAYS had a comment or anecdote to ensure a giggle with everyone!

Her determination to serve others was exemplary....and she will be missed by so many.

Rest well, my friend. With my Love, Cathy J. Brown

Cathy J Brown - April 30 at 12:50 PM

FP

“ From Hylton and the PGATOUR... purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lorraine Hunter Black.



From Hylton and the PGATOUR... - April 30 at 09:00 AM

CD

“ Carolyn Davidson purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Lorraine Hunter Black.



Carolyn Davidson - April 29 at 04:34 PM