



Jacqueline Rodrigues-Smith

July 21, 1970 - March 3, 2016

Jacqueline K. Rodrigues-Smith, was born on July 21, 1970, the second of three children, to Yvonne and James Rodrigues, at Lincoln Hospital Bronx, New York. Jackie received her formal education from elementary through high school through the Catholic School system. Jackie received her professional education from Wagner College where she earned her bachelor's degree in science; York College where she earned credits to become a physical education teacher; and her graduate studies at Hofstra University, where she earned her Master's of Science Degree in Education. Thereafter, she earned her Education Administrator's Certificate from Long Island University.

Jackie worked as a head bank teller at the North Fork Bank. In 1994 she accepted her calling to become a high school science teacher, and later the first female dean at East New York High School of Transit Technology. During her tenure at Transit Tech High School, she met her best friend and love of her life, Garfield Smith, whom she married on July 28, 2007. While serving at Transit Tech HS, Jackie became the girls' track coach, Science Coordinator, and introduced a new course, forensic science to the school curriculum. In September of 2014, she transferred to William H. Maxwell CTE High School as a science teacher where she taught Advanced Placement Biology and Forensic Science.

Jackie enjoyed traveling—especially to Guyana and Jamaica, WI—and taking many road trips with her husband Garfield. She truly loved and enjoyed family. Spending quality time with her parents, Yvonne and James Rodrigues, and

mother and father in-law, Gloria and Lindsay Smith, was something Jackie treasured. Jackie valued educating and molding her students, entertaining and hosting parties and gatherings—for those who remembered July 4th, and 21st. She also loved working with her track team from both Transit Tech & Maxwell. Jackie treasured the times she spent with her niece Justine and her step-daughter Giani. Jackie was best known for her unconditional love of all children. She would buy them food, books, clothing, school equipment, sports equipment, provide shelter, and stay at work until 11PM, tirelessly giving of herself.

Jackie is survived by her beloved husband, Garfield Smith and parents, Yvonne and James Rodrigues; siblings, Nigel and James Rodrigues Jr.; step-daughter, Giani Smith; nieces and nephews, Justine, Adonijah, Azarel, Genesis, Rhesa, Landon, Ledell; mother and father in-law, Gloria and Lindsay Smith; sister and brothers-in-law, Lavern, Victor and Leon Smith; cousins Alvin Lloyd, MD., Sgt. Trevor Rodrigues, Larry Gonzalez, Simone La Rose-Bennett, Shaundell Draughton, Sherry Best, Marilyn Ford, Brenda Thomas, the Edgehill's; two God-children, Masin and Joshua; and a host of other family members; and her Transit Tech and Maxwell High School family. She was mother to many. In her own words, "Do not to argue because it was too many of you to mention, but I love you all."

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jacqueline Rodriques-Smith*

November 11, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *R.I.P. IN PEACE LOVE AN MISS YOU ♡
GOD BLESS YOUR AWESOME SOUL LOVE
YOU SO MUCH ♡♡♡ NEVER THOUGHT
IT WOULD BE YOU 🙏😭😇💪 never have a
felt so alone . But i gained great wisdom and
teachings of tough love 🙏😇🕯*



James Rodrigues Jr - May 07, 2018 at 09:59 PM



“ *Garfield: We're so sorry for your loss but hope you are comforted by the many friends and family who surround you. From them we hope you will find the love and support needed to keep you on a path which honors Jackie's memory. We look forward to seeing you this Spring and Summer in Cobble Creek.*

Jim & Marion

Jim & Marion - March 27, 2016 at 04:48 AM



“ *I remember her always being loving and caring and helped me stay on the right track and I will forever be grateful for that and have the utmost love and respect for her always*



Antoinette shearin - March 18, 2016 at 10:34 AM


LF

“ Jackie, your life has touched and blessed us all. Your smile and the way you inspired so many to be their best will never be forgotten. I will cherish our memories and I will keep you and the Rodriques family in my heart always.



Love you,
Lydia Peroza Family

Lydia Peroza Family - March 17, 2016 at 06:03 PM

 QueenNic Rodrigues

“ QueenNic Rodrigues purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Jacqueline Rodriques-Smith.



QueenNic Rodrigues - March 16, 2016 at 07:43 PM

HH

“ Hubert & Josephine Hintzen purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jacqueline Rodriques-Smith.



Hubert & Josephine Hintzen - March 16, 2016 at 05:05 PM

HH

“ *Hubert & Josephine Hintzen lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline Rodriques-Smith*




Hubert & Josephine Hintzen - March 16, 2016 at 03:54 PM

GS

“ *Garfield Smith lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline Rodriques-Smith*



Garfield Smith - March 16, 2016 at 08:06 AM


QueenNic
Rodrigues

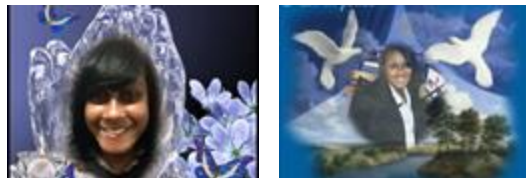
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QueenNic Rodrigues - March 13, 2016 at 03:17 PM

DN

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Dwayne Nelson - March 11, 2016 at 02:01 PM

MF

“ Our hearts are very sad for the loss of such a wonderful person/human being. She was without a doubt a caring, giving, and loving person to her family and friends. She will be missed terribly by everyone who's lives she touched here on earth. She endured everything on her life's journey despite her pains. She accomplished everything God set before her. Her beloved Garfield, hubby and soul mate heart is broken ,but he knows her pains are no longer. Her spirit will definitely lives on in each and everyone. Gone to soon my cuz...May you forever rest in peace until we meet again.

Marilyn Ford - March 11, 2016 at 08:34 AM

W-

It was a blessing knowing you. Your bubbling personality made us instant friends that lasted until the end. I will surely miss you. May you rest in peace as your race on this earth has come to an end.

Wendy Caesar -Babb - March 17, 2016 at 05:23 PM