



Lizette Parker

April 24, 2016

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

“Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud” Maya Angelou

Honorable Lizette (Zetty) Parker, 44, transitioned on April 24, 2016 with family and friends present at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, New Jersey.

Lizette was born to Dolores-Ann Phillips and Lawrence Phillips on August 31, 1971 at Harlem Hospital in New York City. She became a resident of Teaneck New Jersey at the tender age of three. She graduated from Teaneck High School and went on to earn her Bachelors of Art Degree from Montclair State University, and her Master’s Degree in Administrative Science from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Honorable Mayor Parker began her career in public service as a Social Worker and she currently served as a Social Work Administrator for the Bergen County Board of Social Services. In addition, she was an active member in the Communications Workers of America. Lizette was a dedicated public servant who distinguished herself as a conscientious and active community leader in Teaneck, New Jersey. Elected in July 2006 to the Teaneck Council, Lizette held the distinct status of being the First African-American Woman elected as Mayor to the pluralistic township of Teaneck in 2014. During her speech of gratitude she shared “To my [toddler] daughter, Alyssa, who does not realize what is happening this evening, she will grow up

and know she can be anything she wants even Teaneck Mayor and things beyond.”

As Mayor, she upheld the guiding values, ethics and principles of the social work profession: advocacy, human rights, social and economic justice. Lizette adamantly advocated and demonstrated a high level of commitment by addressing issues pertinent to family, youth and children in her community such as poverty, housing, health care, cultural awareness/diversity, quality of life, job training, education, violence, LGBTQ and youth development. Her proudest accomplishment on the Township Council was “the recreation of the Youth Advisory Board that served the town’s most precious residents.”

Lizette Parker gained a reputation as an adept, fearless and outspoken political activist. Her communal approach in advocacy, community building and organizing, earned Lizette the respect and confidence of her colleagues and constituents. Her achievements were countless and during her tenure she received the following awards/honors to name a few: Girl Scouts of America; Greater Bergen Community Action Plan; NAACP; National Coalition of 100 Black Women; Teaneck Chamber of Commerce; Teaneck Rotary Club and the Urban League.

Lizette Parker was a longtime member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Hackensack, New Jersey. She enjoyed her family, friends and was passionate about traveling. Mrs. Parker exemplified the meaning of resourcefulness, commitment, innovation and tenacity.

Lizette is survived by Anthony Parker (Husband), Alyssa Parker (Daughter), Dolores-Ann Phillips (Mother), Lawrence Phillips II (Brother), Timothy Arline (Brother), Irma Allen (Grand Mother), Winston Phillips (Uncle), Patrick Phillips (Uncle), Eleanor Phillips (Aunt), Florine Phillips (Aunt), Rita Jackson (Aunt) and Lorraine Nibbs (Aunt) and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and associates that span from St. Croix US Virgin Islands to the United States. In 1988 her Father, Lawrence Phillips, preceded her in death.

Visitation will be held on Friday (4/29/16) from 2pm-4pm and 7pm-9pm and funeral services at 10am on Saturday (4/30/16) at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in

Hackensack, New Jersey with Pastor Gregory Jackson officiating. Burial will follow at George Washington Memorial Park in Paramus, New Jersey.

The family of Lizette Parker wishes to extend their sincere thanks and heart felt gratitude to all those that went above and beyond to support Lizette. Your acts of kindness have been noted here on earth and in heaven. Blessings.

“Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it’s about learning to dance in the rain.” Author Unknown

Lizette Parker Danced...

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Olive Baptist Church
260 Central Avenue
Hackensack, NJ 07601
<http://www.mountolivebaptist.org>

Visitation

APR **29**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Olive Baptist Church
260 Central Avenue
Hackensack, NJ 07601
<http://www.mountolivebaptist.org>

Service

APR **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lizette Parker*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Lizette Parker*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Lizette Parker*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *With heartfelt sympathy
Expressing heartfelt sympathy and offering a prayer that GOD
above all will comfort you and ease the loss you bear. Deanne Hunt-
Williams & Family Laurel, Maryland*

Deanne - August 08, 2016 at 06:48 PM



“ *To the Phillips/Parker family. Deepest Sympathy. Lizette, Dolores
and I go back to Shelter Our Sisters in her college days. God Bless
You All! Sincerely, Adrienne Spray, Hack.NJ.*

Adrienne M. Spray - April 30, 2016 at 01:10 PM

CB

“ Carol Brown lit a candle in memory of Lizette Parker



Carol Brown - April 30, 2016 at 12:27 PM

RV

“ Rose Valere lit a candle in memory of Lizette Parker



Rose Valere - April 29, 2016 at 07:04 PM

RV

*Lizette , what a loving person.
May perpetual light shine upon her soul. May the Grace of God
strengthen and comfort her loved ones.*

*Love in Christ Jesus
Rose Valere*

Rose Valere - April 29, 2016 at 07:09 PM



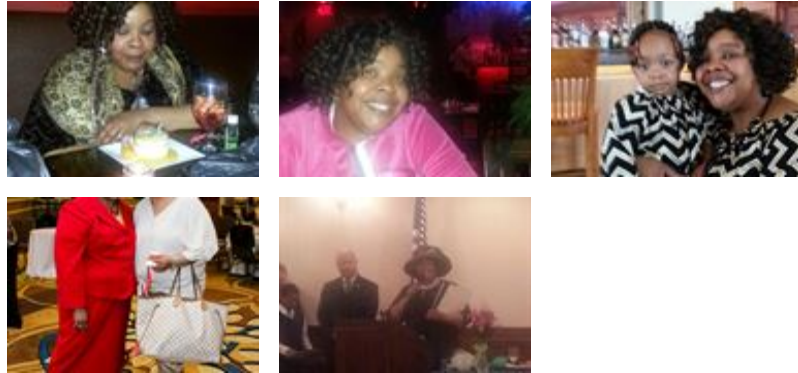
“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lizette Parker.



April 29, 2016 at 02:50 PM



“ 105 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - April 29, 2016 at 09:13 AM

GS

“ *Lizette performed our ceremony of marriage in 2007. She was wonderful! Warm, loving, happy for us, even though she barely knew us. We are terribly sorry for everyone's great loss. Lizette was a beautiful lady.*
Geni Sackson and Scott Palmer



Geni Sackson - April 28, 2016 at 07:46 PM

BP

“ *We will miss you, but we are so grateful to have known you for your spirit, kindness and compassion.* *Bruce & Stacey Prince*

Bruce Prince - April 28, 2016 at 02:53 PM

BW

“ LIZETTE YOU ARE NUMBER 1 IN ALL THAT YOU STOOD FOR-REST IN PEACE.



BEVERLY WHITESIDE - April 28, 2016 at 12:04 PM



“ Mayor Parker was a kind, gentle role model for all the residents of Teaneck. Her smile, courage and political savvy will be surely missed. On a more personal note, she worked closely with my deceased son Sam McNeil, a township employee at the time of his passing. They were both excellent examples of what an education in Teaneck can produce and represented the progress made in our township. My condolences go out to the family and know that she is resting peacefully in God's arms.



Diane McNeil - April 27, 2016 at 06:57 PM

MC

“ Mayor Kelemen and Borough of Bogota Council purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Lizette Parker.



Mayor Kelemen and Borough of Bogota Council - April 26, 2016 at 12:38 PM



“ *With Distinction* was purchased for the family of Lizette Parker.



April 26, 2016 at 12:36 PM