



Vanessa Marie Puryear

September 29, 1963 - February 14, 2013

Vanessa Puryear, 49, slipped away peacefully to be with the lord on Thursday morning, February 14, 2013 at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch.

Vanessa was a lifelong resident of Asbury Park, New Jersey and graduated from Asbury Park High School. Vanessa had a zest for life, education, family and friends. She graduated from Seton Hall University and she excelled in math and worked for Becton Dickinson and company, New York as an Accountant until her passing. She attended the Second Baptist Church in Asbury Park, NJ.

She was predeceased by her parents Willie C. and Dorothy Puryear and a brother Ricky Puryear. She leaves to cherish so many wonderful memories a loving brother Anthony Puryear of Asbury Park; two nephews, Dominique Puryear of Phila., PA and Kason Puryear of Fort Lauderdale, FL; three nieces, Sade and Ebony of Asbury Park, NJ and Tiffany of Millville, NJ; and a special friend, Brian, along with a host of loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Viewing will be held on Tuesday February 19th at Good Hope Baptist Church, 1306 Washington Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ from 10 am until the service at 12 noon. Interment will follow at Monmouth Memorial Park Cemetery, Tinton Falls.

Cemetery Details

Monmouth Memorial Park

4201 Hwy 33
Tinton Falls, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Good Hope Baptist Church
1306 Washington Avenue
Asbury Park, NJ 07712

Service

FEB 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Marie Puryear*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - February 25, 2013 at 10:02 AM

LR

“ Last year we celebrated Vanessa’s 20th anniversary with BD. For this celebration, all of Vanessa’s colleagues and peers gathered in a large conference room to offer their congratulations. As Vanessa and I stood at the front of the conference room looking into a sea of people, I began to speak of her accomplishments. For those of you who don’t know me, I am rarely at a loss for words and could have spent most of the afternoon gushing about her strong work ethic and her unwavering dedication, but I realized that everyone already knew this about Vanessa, including Vanessa herself. Instead I asked each person to say the first word that came to mind when they thought of Vanessa. As each person spoke, we heard words such as inspiring, smart, sunshine, positive, determined, sunshine, happy, courageous, sunshine...it was easy to see that she had become our sunshine...maybe it was her rays of positive energy, or the loving warmth that was just beneath that strong exterior or maybe because she could light up a room with just her presence. She was our sunshine. As the last person spoke that day, it was easy to see how much she meant to us. Not just as a co-worker, but as a true friend, and loyal confidant. Vanessa began to speak and in true form, she was gracious and giving saying that she only gives back to us what each of us gives to her.

Vanessa always saw the good in each of us and on occasion was never afraid to let us know our shortcomings. She saw qualities in us that we sometimes couldn’t see in ourselves. With all she was dealing with, she was never too busy to give us perspective in our own lives, showing us a different way to look at problem or situation. The way she lived her life humbles us and makes us want to be better. We are blessed to have worked with you, Vanessa, laugh with you and been apart of each other’s lives for the past 21 years. Your enduring legacy will not only be the strong work ethic and dedication to BD, but the indelible mark that you have left in our hearts and souls. For all these things, we love you. You will be deeply missed. God bless you Vanessa.

laurie reingold - February 20, 2013 at 10:03 PM



Daphene
Johnson

“ *May the love of God surround the family, strengthen and give them peace.*

My heart sunk when I found out, she was one of the best persons I have ever known. We attended school together, from kindergarten to High School. The last time I visited NJ she was the last person I talked to, it was like time stood still, She was still that beautiful person, inside and out. I will always remember her as a sweet quiet angel with a great big smile. R.I.P. Vanessa my friend, until we meet again....

Daphene Johnson

Daphene Johnson - February 18, 2013 at 08:43 PM

SF

“ *May the Peace of Christ be with the Puryear Family:*



Our heartfelt condolences and sympathies to the entire Puryear family.

It was an honor (and I mean honor) to have the privilege to have known and worked with Vanessa. She was a marvelous, courageous, inspirational woman with a radiant smile and enormous heart who brought joy to everyone she came in contact with despite the burdens she carried. I remember at her 20 year anniversary celebration at work where everyone in a packed room provided one word to describe Vanessa. Those words spoke volumes and a few were: Loving, Caring, Extraordinary, Marvelous, Beautiful, Kind, Inspirational, Courageous, Self-less, Brave, Dedicated, Strong and Humble

Vanessa made everyone around her a better person based on the example of how she lived life to the fullest. Looking back we were all fortunate to have a living Saint in our midst who taught and will continue to teach us about love and respect for our neighbors. Simply put she was the best. God Bless

Schroeter Family

Schroeter Family - February 17, 2013 at 05:10 PM

SS

“ *To one of the most amazing women I've ever had the privilege & honor of knowing. Your constant positive attitude & unwavering courage are truly an inspiration. You will always be my sunshine and I know the sun is shining even brighter because of you. I will miss you Vanessa but will never ever forget you.*

Sue Sprado

Sue Sprado - February 17, 2013 at 01:14 PM

TC

“ Toni Ann Carroll sent a virtual gift in memory of
Vanessa Marie Puryear



Toni Ann Carroll - February 17, 2013 at 12:03 PM

TC

*To our "SunShine", you had such a profound impact on so many of us.
We will never forget your gentle ways, positive attitude and large than
life presences.*

Toni Ann Carroll - February 17, 2013 at 12:07 PM

BH

“ *I am deeply saddened on the passing of my very dear friend. What a
beautiful person. MY heart goes out to the family. I am truly going to
miss you Vanessa, especially our talks and movie dates. You will
always be in my thoughts and prayers.
Love, always Brian*

Brian Hunter - February 17, 2013 at 09:25 AM