

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

The family of the late **Fiskisha L. Sampson-Cumbo** wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness and concern, including cards, flowers, phone calls, emails, texts, Facebook tributes, visits, your presence here this afternoon, and especially the comfort of your continuing prayers. We also appreciate those who sent their love from near and far to encourage us during this time. May God bless and keep each of you in His loving embrace and care.

WE LIVE IN BROOKLYN, BABY

We live in Brooklyn, baby; we're trying to make it, baby

We wanna make it, baby; we gonna make it, baby

We live in Brooklyn, baby; our time is now

We got to make it baby; our time is now

We live in Brooklyn, baby

Days have past and all the queen's bee drones are dying

But we're gonna make it, baby 'cause we live in Brooklyn, baby

Brooklyn, Brooklyn, Brooklyn, Brooklyn

Brooklyn, Brooklyn, Brooklyn, Brooklyn ...

FAMILY TRIBUTE TO OUR BABY SISTER ELLA LOIS!

Sister, you had it all ... talent, intelligence, drive, initiative and SO much magic with the pen!! You made all things special, recalling memories, laughter and whatever came our way. This is not goodbye because you travel with us sealed lovingly in our hearts. We love you dearly!

~ Your Sisters ~

Jean and Chaney

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In Loving Memory Of



Fiskisha Lois Sampson-Cumbo

Sunrise

October 9, 1939

Sunset

August 16, 2020

Saturday ~ September 12, 2020 ~ 3:00 p.m.

at

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*"... I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me,
though he were dead, yet shall he live:" ~ St. John 11:25*

OBITUARY

The Cumbo Family announces with great sadness the passing of **Fikisha Ella Lois Sampson Cumbo**, daughter of Elnora Evans Brantley Sampson and Emanuel Sampson. **Fikisha** transitioned into eternal life on Sunday, August 16, 2020. She was loved by so many and will remain in our hearts and in our memories forever. We appreciate our community of family and friends who have sent prayers and support. She is survived by her son Malik Cumbo; daughter-in-law Dona Tarectecan; five grandchildren: Autumn, Ezra, Selah, Sage and Eli; two sisters: Erma Jean Thomas and Chaney Douglas; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Fikisha Ella Lois Cumbo, a mother, grandmother, poet, teacher, author, filmmaker, television host and photojournalist, was born and raised in Houston, Texas, and completed undergraduate studies at Texas Southern University. Graduating *Magna Cum Laude* in biology and chemistry, **Fikisha** accepted a research assistant position in Lipid Biochemistry at the University of Southern California where she co-authored five publications for journals such as Science, Journal of Lipid Biochemistry and Neuropathology. Interested in the adventures of New York City, she accepted a Lecturer in Biology position at Brooklyn College.

Passionate about music, she was introduced to Reggae in the summer of 1975, and immediately fell in love with this music in which she couldn't tell "where the beat drop." During this period of her independent study at Goddard College for a Master's degree on "The Sociology of Musicians of the African Diaspora", she met Bob Marley and Peter Tosh. Initially utilizing the formal sociological interview format, she soon realized that it limited the artists' full expression. Friendship with people prominent in the lives of Tosh and Marley allowed her to interact on a regular basis with these two legends. This led to her publication of "Get Up! Stand Up! Diary of a Reggaeophile" which was sold out in its first-edition printing. She has also photographed and interviewed a plethora of legendary musicians and artists during her long-standing career. She was the Editor-in-Chief of PURE JAZZ MAGAZINE (www.purejazzmagazine.net), and The Producer/Director of the weekly TV show CACE INT'L in New York City, and on the world wide web (www.Bricartsmedia.org) with YouTube www.youtube.com/caceinternationaltv channel viewers in over 228 countries. This show has been on the air for over 30 years.

Fikisha was a cultural icon in her son's eyes and heart, as well as that of many people she knew in the community. She has always been a rebel standing for social justice until the very end.

ORDER OF SERVICE

[As you enter this chapel, please reverence the family
by silencing all electronic devices.]

OFFICIATING MINISTER:

The Most Reverend Dr. Eric D. Garnes, *Senior Pastor*
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Percussionists Bro. Shawn Banks
Opening Remarks / Invocation Bishop Eric D. Garnes
Scripture Readings Bishop Eric D. Garnes
 Old Testament
 New Testament
Poem for Ma Mr. Eli Cumbo {grandson}
Prayer of Comfort Mr. Franklin Thomas {nephew}
Reflections Mrs. Ellen Sampson Solis {niece}
Obituary Mr. Ezra Cumbo {grandson}
Family Tribute Photo/Video Presentation
Musical Tribute to Fikisha Broadbelt Guitar Duo
Eulogy Bishop Eric D. Garnes
Closing Remarks Mr. Malik Cumbo {son}
Benediction Bishop Eric D. Garnes
Recessional (*Friends, please remain standing as the family leaves the chapel.*)



Though restrictions are starting to be eased, we are still closely monitoring the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind and the safety of all concerned, we are still recommending adherence to the recommended guidelines of the NYC Health Department and the CDC. Thus, all who enter this chapel must be wearing a mask; and although it is unnatural and difficult, especially during this time when the family needs you most, physical contact with family, and with one another as well as the body is not suggested. Social distancing (keeping 6 feet apart) is still required. Also, the complete service must be contained within **one hour** for the sake of limited exposure. Your cooperation is most appreciated during this temporary disruption of life as we know it.