



## *Acknowledgments*

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.  
May God Bless and Keep You!

The Francis Family  
The Curtis Family  
The Lewis Family  
The Gillies Family  
Debby Benjamin & Family

"Live life with no regrets, think of your mistakes as lessons learned." -- Zahara

## *Inner Beauty is Everything*

People are like stained-glass windows.  
They sparkle and shine when the sun is out,  
but when the darkness sets in;  
their true beauty is revealed  
only if there is a light from within.

By Elizabeth Kubler Ross




## *Celebrating* THE LIFE OF



## *Zahara Lewis*

SEPTEMBER 8th, 1996 - JANUARY 5th, 2021

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021, 3:00-7:00 PM  
Frank J Barone Funeral Home





# Obituary

On September 8th, 1996, Zahara L. Lewis was born to Errol & Vanessa Lewis in Brooklyn, NY. At the tender age of 24, Zahara has entered eternal rest. She joins her late grandparents Dallas Curtis, Audrey Blondell, Mulsaint Higgings, Mark Gillies Sr., Jean Lewis.

Zahara made her grand entrance into this world on the steps in front of her apartment. She couldn't wait to get to SUNY Downstate. From then on, she earned the nickname "Steppy". Zahara grew up as a Baptist, had questions but never gave up on faith. She knew exactly who God was. Zahara's intelligence surpassed her even at a young age. Her teachers were always surprised that without studying she would earn honorable grades.

After graduating from High School for Public Service, Zahara attended Borough of Manhattan Community College, where she earned an Associate's Degree. She was also 6 months away from earning her Bachelor's Degree at Medgar Evers College. As an adult, she went back to her high school and began working as a Paraprofessional. In addition to her many responsibilities, she also worked as a mentor for young adults with KAVI.

Zahara was persevering and resilient. She enjoyed life, spending time with family and loved by everyone! Her kind heart and loving character brought joy to everyone around her. She loved playing SIMS, dancing to soca and watching futuristic movies. Zahara was well known for her warm hugs and her delicious macaroni pie. Zahara always had an exuberant smile on her face. Her bubbly excitement was a gift that will surely be missed.

Zahara leaves to cherish her memory; both her mothers, Vanessa Curtis-Lewis & Debbie Benjamin; both her fathers, Errol Lewis & Errol Taylor; her siblings, Vanessa Taylor, Zakiya, Zelike and Daniel Lewis, Jamar Barnes and Jadore Taylor; brother-in-law, Hardison; her niece and nephew, Kamora and Kameron Clare; her fur baby, Mocha Lewis; her granny, Buelah Curtis; aunts and uncles, Jackie Francise, Susan Sullen, Camille, Sunil, Mark, Paul, and Dexter Gillies, Allison, Susie, Perdio, Ronda and Teddy Lewis, Nataki Yee Loy, Valada Taylor, Karen Headley, Gale Rivera, Latasha Christopher, Norma Adams Nicole Vasquez; her Godparents, Wiz, Maraline Stanford, and Michelle James; her spiritual family, Rodger Spring, and Bishop Kester Baptiste, and a host of cousins, but to name a few, Quentine Jones, Brittney, Zee, Bryce, Jordan, and Dexter Jr. Gillies, Krystal and Jeremy Rivera, Lashell White, Shaniya and Tashell Christopher and Kevin, Devin and Clarisa Vasquez; her friends, Christine (Charlie) & Keanu, Tanasia (Raggedy) & Baby K, Patrick (Juice), Jamila.

Zahara's kind spirit, passion for dance, love of school, and zest for life will live through them.

## Order of Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 2021

3pm to 5pm Viewing  
5pm to 7pm Funeral Service

Words of Welcome  
Carmen Deweaver

Prayer & Scripture  
Rodger & Kester

Poem  
Zakiya Lewis

Eulogy  
Carmen Deweaver

Brief Tributes  
2 Minutes Each

Acknowledgments  
Carmen Deweaver

Words to Family

Final Viewing

Closing Remarks

