

Tribute to Tantz from Randy

Glenda Rafi, better known as Tantz to all, was more than just an aunt to me and my siblings. She was the mother to all of us.

To this day, Tantz is the best seamstress/tailor that I ever knew. She outfitted me, my wife, and my entire bridal party for my wedding with flawless suits, gowns, and a hand-beaded bridal dress like no other. To this day, I still remember Tantz teaching me how to iron my clothes on the ironing board properly and how to single-handedly fold my bed sheet, which I continue to do proudly to this day. She has always been there for me as an aunt and as a mother whenever I came to her for support in any of my pursuits. She has worked long and hard to support her immediate and extended family and now she has gone to her eternal rest which she so deserves.

I know some us, including myself, wish she was still here to continue to be all that she has been to us, but God knows best. May she rest in peace.

A Reflection of "Tants" from Bernadette a.k.a. "Bernsie":

Returning to my past to recapture memories of Tants brings me sadness and joy because she was more like an older sister. I always looked forward to when she was coming home. One of my fondest memories was when my older brother was getting married...she sewed the dress, bought the shoes and everything I needed to represent the mother of the groom. The wedding was Boxing Day...she sent stuff and made sure I got everything...Christmas Day...I will really miss hearing her voice and laughter. Tants will forever be in my heart. S.I.E.P., My friend.

Poem From the Grandkids

A light from our family is gone.
A voice we loved is stilled.
A place is vacant in the home
Which never can be filled.

We have to mourn the loss of one
We would've loved to keep,
But God who surely loved her best
Has finally made her sleep.

After a lifetime of her love and joy
And music to fill our ears,
God leaves these wondrous memories
To help us through our tears.

Acknowledgement

The family of Glenda Elizabeth Rafi would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions, phone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts, and prayers. They have helped greatly during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you.

Professional Services Entrusted To

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HOME GOING CELEBRATION HONORING THE LIFE, LOVE, AND LEGACY OF OUR BELOVED



Glenda Rafi
A.K.A. TANTY
B.K.A. RAFI

*Given by
God*

November 10, 1947

*Required by
God*

December 24, 2021

Saturday, January 8, 2022
2:00 PM

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Lori Hadley Davis, L. F. D.

Obituary

GLENDA ELIZABETH MALCOLM was born to David and Serena Malcolm on November 10, 1947, on the Island of Tobago but was raised in Trinidad.

She chose a trade in sewing, and she soon became a master of her craft. She immigrated to the United States and made Miami, Florida, her home where she continued sewing, creating some of the finest garments. The Miami Carnival was also where she lent her skills, sewing bodywear for the masqueraders.

She was married to Ahmad Rafi and had twin sons. That is when the name “Glenda Rafi” was born. Though her new surname ran off the tongues of many, the name that was mostly used by all her beloveds was “Tants” or “Tanty.”

Glenda, the baby sister to Novello Malcolm and Zola Glover (both deceased), leaves behind to mourn: her beloved jewels, her children, Deanne Malcolm, Lynell Williams (Kenneth Williams, spouse), Akil, and Asim Rafi; her grandchildren, Makiba, Imo (deceased), Ayinde, Naiel, and Khamani; great-grandchildren, Mekhi Malcolm, Ayionnice, and Ayana Bishop. She was aunt to: Anne Marie, Curlene, Kharima, Coryse, Kizzy, Kai, Zoe, Zola, Alvin, Oba, Oma, Salim, Simba, and Wendell, just to name a few; godmother to Kwesi (deceased), Jael, and Mechelle; precious friend to Joy, Moseley, CJ, Sheryl, Bernsie, and Joyce, just to name a few.

Glenda touched so many lives—too many to appear on these pages.



Order of Service

Processional	
Final Glance	
Musical Selection.....	<i>I Look to You</i> Whitney Houston
Prayer	
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
New Testament	John 11:25
Solo	Karl Depeine
Reflections	<i>Please Limit to Two Minutes</i>
As a Family Member.....	Dianne Malcolm
As a Friend.....	Vaulda Nichols
CJ & Aunt	
Acknowledgements.....	Hadley Davis Funeral Home Staff
Eulogy	
Musical Selection.....	<i>Missing You</i> Brandy, Tami, Gladys Knight, and Chaka Khan
Recessional	