

~ HOMEGOING SERVICE ~

Kristina "Missy" Madina Barlow



March 28, 1960 ~ June 3, 2020

*Our time on earth is simply
A doorway to something far greater*

KRISTINA MADINA BARLOW

Easy to smile, she loved to laugh, she loved to talk and joke. She loved to dance, she loved to drive fast, she loved taking risks, she loved having fun, she loved being in the center of the action. Often sweet and charming, also stubborn and determined and sometimes a spit fire! She loved family, her religion and church. That was Kristina "Missy" Madina Woods Change Barlow.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts on March 28, 1960 to loving parents Donald E. Woods and Louise Grant Woods, she joined her older brother Dana into a loving family. She inherited the name Kristina from her mother's favorite Aunt and the name Madina from her Barbadian born grandmother, who declared Madina a family name and all female descendants thereafter were to have Madina bestowed as their middle name. As an infant, Kristina was baptized into the Catholic faith. As Missy and Dana grew, they became extraordinarily close and the two were inseparable and remained so throughout their lives. Missy was devastated in 1984 when Dana died unexpectedly in a motorcycle accident.

Missy attended Catholic elementary schools in Boston. Although her father did not remain in her life as she grew, she had strong loving guidance from beloved uncle, Clyde Grant and grandfather, Howard Grant. She attended St. Gregory High School. Her mother developed a strong fascination with drum corp performance and competition and enrolled Missy and her brother into a local group. They participated in local, state and national events throughout their high school years. It was a great family activity with Mom and Nana often accompanying them.

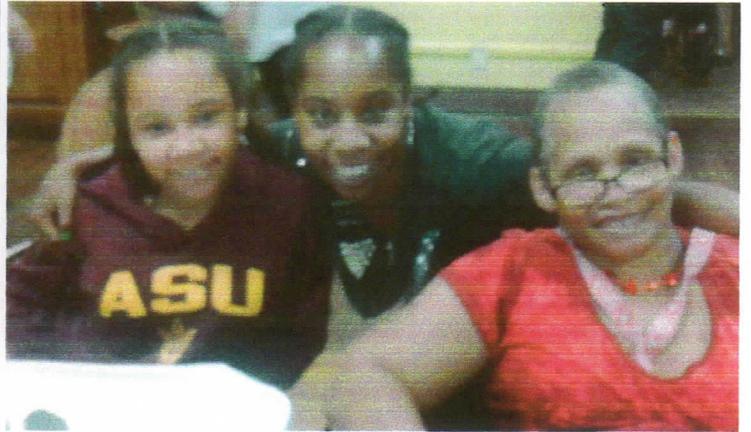
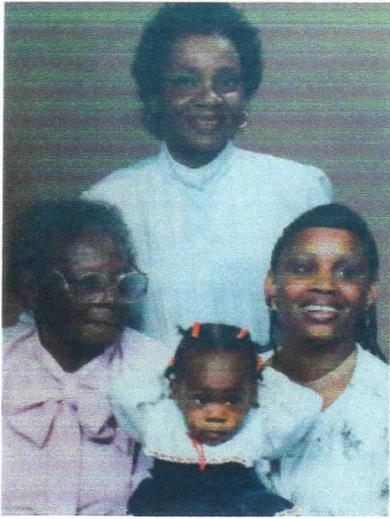
In 1976, at age 16, Missy relocated to San Diego, California with Mom, Nana and brother, Dana. Shortly after the family's arrival in San Diego, they discovered and joined Christ The King Catholic Church, becoming active participants in church activities and organizations. They joined one of the designated "extended family groups", creating friendships that have lasted throughout the lives of the participants. Missy, with her bubbly personality and stand out natural red hair and freckles, and her ability to sell tickets, was a shoe-in as the Queen of the Christ The King Annual Mardi Gras Festival.

Missy attended Southwest High School in South Bay San Diego where she graduated. She then enrolled in ITT Technical College and completed a 2 year program. Over the years, she was employed in several positions but the most profound for her was working in AIDS Case Management for the County of San Diego.

In 1985, Missy was united in marriage with Rodney "Skipper" Change and they moved to the San Francisco area on a military transfer to begin their new life. Their union was blessed with a baby girl, Dominique Madina Change. After a period of time, Missy and Skipper agreed to dissolve their marriage and remained friends. Missy and Dominique returned to San Diego to be near her Mom and Nana. Later, Missy met Gregory Dean Barlow. They became fast friends, falling in love and getting married. Their union was blessed by expanding their family with the birth of a son, Gregory Dana Barlow. They enjoyed a happy, productive marital and family life for many years. The marriage was dissolved in later years and close contact was maintained.

Always a fighter, Missy was a Breast Cancer Survivor/ In 2003 she was diagnosed with progressive multiple sclerosis which took her through a slow, progressive journey of loss; loss of physical and cognitive abilities. Missy departed this life at 1:30pm on Wednesday, June 3, 2020. Loved ones preceding her in death include: Brother Dana Woods, Grandmother Madria "Nana" Madina Grant, Grandfather Howard Grant, Great Uncles Buster and Buddy, Mother Louise Madina Grace Grant and Aunt Nancy Grant. Those loved ones grieving the loss of her departure include: Daughter Dominique Madina Change, Son Gregory Dana Barlow, Granddaughter Jacqueline Madina Botello, Former Spouses Rodney "Skipper" Change and Gregory Dean Barlow, Beloved Uncle Clyde Grant, Cousins Sonia Grant Latham, Eddie Grant, George Grant, Cousin/Godsister Laura Grant and loving guardian/caregivers: "Aunt" Laura Johnson, "Cousin" Jennifer Johnson and Mayling Naputi (Mom's friend and coworker).

**Missy, Rejoice In Heaven! You Are Free Of Pain! Your Legs Are Yours Again, So Dance!
Keep Laughing and Dancing!**



*"I know of no other experience that is filled with greater peace and joy
Than to walk someone into heaven
It is a rare and sacred moment in which you feel
You can reach up and touch the face of God"
~ Hospice Nurse Trudy Harris, RN*

Father T.J. Jennings Presiding
Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Homegoing Services 10:30am
San Diego Memorial Chapel
4512 Imperial Avenue
San Diego, CA 92113

Entombment 11:30am
Greenwood Mortuary - Sanctuary of Numbers, Crypt 56
4300 Imperial Avenue
San Diego, CA 92113

