



Veedia Flame Snell

July 15, 1947 - March 14, 2022

Albany – Veedia Flame Snell, 74, passed away peacefully March 14, 2022. Flame was a well known and beloved bartender at several establishments in Albany, including the Bunny Lounge, Falcon’s Nest, Dorton’s, Rick’s Tavern and Twilight Lounge. She also served her community as a school bus monitor and safety coordinator for Durham School Services.

Flame was an incredibly talented artist and liked to draw cards for every occasion. She also loved to host any event that brought everyone together. Her legendary parties included Halloween Baby Discos when her children were young, Mad Doctor Parties while she in nursing school, Champagne Social fundraisers, ice cream socials with her colleagues, area Bartender happy hours and backyard barbecues. She liked to dress up in lavish costumes to make everyone smile and laugh. She was truly a big kid at heart.

She is pre-deceased by her mother Oveater Vinson and her brother Kenneth Vinson. She is survived by her brother Roderick (Carole) Vantry of Wisconsin Rapids, WI, her son Christopher (Marian) Snell of Dumont, NJ and daughter Cindy (Eugene) Drago of Glenville, NY and grandchildren Nehemiah and Gabrielle Snell. Flame’s extended family includes children, cousins, aunts, and uncles that she named for all of us to share as family. There are too many names to be able to list each and every person who touched her life in special ways great and small, but all are considered family.

Our family is grateful for the thoughtfulness and kindness of all who treated and cared for Flame. This includes but is not limited to home health aides Sharon Soden and Judith Ackbersingh, Marsha Smith and Dr. Effendi, Dr Zen and the staff of New York Oncology Hematology, the staff of St Peter's Hospital and Hospice Inn and the staff of Fresenius Kidney Care Albany Regional Dialysis Center.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Veedia's family on Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206.

Her Funeral Service will immediately follow at 1:00 pm. Individuals are respectfully asked to follow current CDC, NYS, or County COVID-19 recommendations.

To leave a message for her family, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
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Service

MAR 19 (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Webcast in memory of Veedia Flame Snell*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - March 19, 2022 at 11:02 AM

JW

Wholeness Auntie Veedia! This is your nephew Jonte' sending you best vibrations towards your soul's transition and the next part of its journey. I knew you as a beautiful, kind, and loving being and I love you and I'm so glad to be apart of your lineage. I'm going to celebrate your life and encourage others to as well. Until we gather again in the grand collective, bye for now and Thank you!

JONTE WIGGINS - March 19, 2022 at 11:14 AM

AI

R.I.P. Flame thoughts and prayers are with the family! On behalf of the children and grandchildren of Brenda Irvin!

Andre Leppanen II - March 31, 2022 at 09:17 PM



“ *Veedia Flame Snell*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

MS

“ I will always remember her loving smile and how great she was, I first met her and her children at the thanksgiving dinner we volunteered at. in albany she was so sweet and always kind to me and my family. me and my brother use to always hang with her son chris and her daughter cindy. we became great friends. We always helped out every year for thanksgiving. you will be greatly missed and always cherished.

margaret shaffer - April 18, 2022 at 12:16 PM

TA

“ I'll miss you forever grandma , it's a blessing to be able to call you my grandma Dia! Thank you for all the good times we've had together, I'll love you forever and your legacy will live with me forever. You pushed me to me the woman I am today and I can't thank you enough for “whipping my ass in shape” 😂 later for now grandma Dia.

Tavonna - March 19, 2022 at 09:42 PM

PH

“ My heaart iss broken with the passin of such a wonderful loving and artistic person as ms Flame I will keep her in my memory until I meet her on the rainbow bridge to heaven. Paula Henriques



paula henriques - March 19, 2022 at 02:08 PM

MB

“ Cheers Veedia, this for one is for you!

Words cannot express how grateful I am for the love and kindness that you showered me with over all these years. With you're unconditional love, you taught me that family is not defined by blood. It was because of your love of life and a good party, I learned how to celebrate the moment. Now this is your moment my dear sister, rest in peace until we again.

*Love,
M. Bailey-Vinson*

M. Bailey-Vinson - March 19, 2022 at 01:06 PM

JM

“ *My condolences to the family. RIP Mama Flame you will be missed. You were a beautiful person inside and out I am glad I got to work with you and get to know you.*



Juanita Martinez - March 19, 2022 at 01:04 PM

KL

“ *It was 8 years ago you welcomed me into the Durham family and your family with open arms. With a lot of love, patience, and encouragement from you, I've become a much better woman and wife for Jim. Your godly example, your love for humanity, your famous parties- your collard greens- these are all memories I will keep with me forever. Heaven is quite a bit brighter and our lives are all a little bit darker with your passing. Watch over all of us, Mama. I know we'll see you again some day! We love you and we miss you. ❤️*

Krystal LaBombard - March 18, 2022 at 10:22 PM

JL

“ I can't believe you're gone; seems like I was just talking to you two weeks ago and everything was fine- we were talking about your 75th birthday party. I especially remember the time we went out for my birthday to the hibachi restaurant where Amaya ran from the fire. I remember how happy you got when you rode on Bill's motorcycle at your birthday party. You welcomed my wife Krystal into the Durham family and your family with open arms- her favorite memory is your famous collard greens you made her. I have a lot of fond memories of us at Durham. You are gone but you will be missed and never forgotten. Love you always- your favorite baby, but don't tell the others.

Jim LaBombard - March 18, 2022 at 10:16 PM

JR

“ I thank God for letting you be in my life. You were always there in the good and bad times and I love you for that. RIP my friend for I know you are sharing your love with the Lord now.
Love Anrae and Judy ❤️

Judy Randolph - March 18, 2022 at 02:06 PM

DW

“ Flame was part of the family. Henry and Ruth Wilson, my parents, adored her and did I. My most fond memory was her at my wedding wanted to bar tend because the bartender didn't know how to bar tend ! ☐ She will be missed. We send our love and condolences to the family. Sincerely, Dina Wilson-Williams.

Dina M Williams - March 18, 2022 at 10:34 AM

PT

“ So sorry for your loss of a beautiful Queen
may she sleep in peace.



Pamela Turpin - March 18, 2022 at 10:06 AM

VS

“ Memories always in your heart, stay strong and God is able. Vivian
👩‍👧♀️

Vivian Smythe - March 17, 2022 at 07:53 AM

RE

“ Chris sending you and your family our deepest condolences. Clinton
Ave all the way. God bless. Renee Freeman, Willie Cooks cousin.

Renee - March 17, 2022 at 07:13 AM

SE

“ I love you forever. I will forever keep you in
my heart and your energy in my mind.



seri - March 16, 2022 at 09:48 PM

JU

“ Words can not describe what a humble person she was. I will always remember our jokes and 🦋. Talks . I was very lucky to have met her she was an Angel on earth. I will always have you in my heart💕 sleep in peace beautiful love you always and forever.



Judith - March 16, 2022 at 09:16 PM

MS

“ I MET TO SAY, I MISS YOU ALREAY



MADELINE SEEL - March 16, 2022 at 08:00 PM

MS

“ FLAME, I MISS ALREADY, SIP,❤️🍷💚💚👉🙏, MATTIE



MADELINE SEEL - March 16, 2022 at 07:56 PM

MY

“ Mya lit a candle in memory of Veedia Flame Snell



Mya - March 16, 2022 at 04:51 PM

JS

“ Jess Sammons lit a candle in memory of
Veedia Flame Snell



Jess sammons - March 16, 2022 at 04:43 PM

RE

“ She stood with me as I married my beloved , Flame never turned
anyone away . Her heart was as big as the sky and the world is
darker now that she's gone to her place with the Lord. My beautiful
loving wonderful sister friend. Mom to all who needed one . We
didn't deserve you, but I for one am glad I was allowed into your life
circle. Thank you for being my friend. 🌹

Renata - March 16, 2022 at 03:42 PM