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*Celebrating the Life of  
Ithrene Y. Cameron*



*February 28, 1949 ~ April 8, 2015*

*Mass of Christian Burial  
Wednesday, April 15, 2012  
11:00 A.M.*

*Blessed Trinity R.C. Church  
317 Leroy Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14214*

*Rev. George L. Reger  
Deacon Jimmie Boyd*

## Obituary

Ithrene Y. Cameron was the second of four children born to Guy E. Cameron Sr. and Helen E. Cameron on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 1949. She is predeceased by our brother Robert James Cameron. Ithrene was educated in the Buffalo Public Schools, attending and graduating from PS #74, Bennett High School, receiving her Bachelors Degree from Daemen College and a Masters Degree from the University at Buffalo.

After completing her post graduate degree, she embarked on her chosen field of endeavor as a Financial Aid Counselor. She worked in the Financial Aid Offices at Daemen College, the University at Buffalo and as Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Geneseo State College, commuting daily between Buffalo the Geneseo campus. Ithrene loved helping all students navigate the complicated process required in applying and receiving the most advantageous tuition assistance available to them. Her greatest joy was seeing her students achieve their individual academic goals. Ithrene left her position at Geneseo to become a Regional Account Executive with the Sallie Mae Corporation. This position required her to travel extensively and the family pets soon learned that when the suitcase went out, jerky came back. After her retirement from Sallie Mae, she continued to assist students and the parents of prospective college students through the financial aid application process.

Ithrene was the person in our family that named the pets, of which there were many. Somehow, the names given always fit the personality of each individual pet. Sometimes a pet's name morphed into a nickname that fit as well as the given name.

Ithrene committed her life to Christ at an early age. She was baptized as an infant in the Methodist Church (later the United Methodist Church) where she regularly attended Sunday School and Church Services and served on various committees. Many years later, she converted to Catholicism and became a parishioner of Blessed Trinity Roman Catholic Church. At Blessed Trinity, she also served a Eucharistic Minister and Lector.

Ithrene leaves to cherish her memory, siblings Guy Jr. and Lorna Cameron, Aunt Joyce and Royce Mathis and family; Dr. John and Victoria DeBerry and family, Virginia and Valerie DeBerry; David and Adrienne Cameron, Elizabeth Cameron, Andre Amos, Lennon Cameron, Mercedes Cameron, Dorothy Young, Marion Cameron, Paul and Stacy Cameron, Christopher and Kerri Ann Cameron, Darren Cameron, Nzingha Cameron, Diane Greene, and a host of relatives and friends; a very Dear Friend "Debbie" Turner and Godmother Detroit "Aunt Dot" Walker.

## Program

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| Opening Hymn   | Alleluia! Sing to Jesus - #742*     |
| Placing of the Pall                                      |                                     |
| First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9                             | Jack Curtin                         |
| Responsorial Psalm                                       | Shepherd Me, O God - #470           |
| Second Reading: Letter of Paul to the Colossians 3:12-17 | Lorna Cameron                       |
| Gospel: John 20:11-18                                    |                                     |
| Homily   | Rev. George L. Reger                |
| Prayer of the Faithful                                   | Jack Curtin                         |
| Offertory  | Eye Has Not Seen - #463             |
| Gift Bearers – Lorna Cameron and Guy Cameron             |                                     |
| Communion  | Instrumental – Peter Gonciarz       |
| Silent Reading of Obituary                               |                                     |
| Song of Farewell   | Give Me Jesus - #683                |
| Closing Prayers  | Rev. George L. Reger                |
| Recessional  | Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones - #729 |

\* Hymn reference numbers are to *Breaking Bread*, which may be found at the ends of each pew.

### *Footprints*

*One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD.*

*When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.*

*This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you the most you would leave me."*

*The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."*

### **Ballbearers**

Darren Cameron, Paul Cameron, Lennon Cameron and Ryan Easter

### **Acknowledgement**

The family of Ithrene Y. Cameron wishes to express their sincere thanks to each of you for your kind words and prayers during this time of our bereavement. Following the services, you are invited to a repast in the parish hall behind the church.