



Rayna Ann Bittel

June 21, 2012

Rayna Ann Bittel, wife of Eugene (Gene) Bittel of West Hartford, died at Vitas Hospice at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury on June 21, 2012. Rayna was born in New York City on June 29, 1949, to the late Raymond Wilson and Dorothy Rouse Wilson. Her initial career path was media focused. First at an advertising firm in New York City and then as the first African-American female engineer at a local Hartford television station. The birth of her daughter, Ariana, redirected her career toward the field of education. She was an avid and competitive tennis player as well as a zealous Bid Whist player. On March 17, 2001, she married the love of her life, Gene! They both catered to each other with loving affection and enjoyed spending time in each other's company. It was his pleasure to enjoy with Rayna her other loves of jazz and The Whispers. It was also his joy to watch her satisfy her palate's taste for favorite foods! Rayna is survived by Gene, her loving husband of 11 years; her sister Thais Young (John) of Tucson, AZ; her cherished daughter, Ariana Washington of Atlanta, GA; stepdaughter Moraith (Rae Han Na) Bittel of West Hartford; niece Evera Rutledge Smith (Christian) and great-niece Sydney who resides with her parents in Baltimore, MD. She is also survived by other family members and a host of friends who will remember her sweetness, engaging smile and wonderful laughter. Heartfelt and loving memories are her legacy to us who are left behind. There will be a memorial service to celebrate Rayna's life in August, 2012 at Our Lady of Sorrows, 85 New Park Ave. Hartford. Friends and family may call Monday, June 25, 2012 from 4-7 p.m. at the

Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that contributions be made in her name to the American Lung Association of the Northeast, 460 Totten Pond Rd. Suite 400, Waltham, MA 02451. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Tribute Wall

FK

“ *...To my dearest friend Thais....and to Rayna's husband Eugene and Rayna's children.....and to all of Rayna's family members.....Thinking of you at this sad time and sending healing energies to everyone.....with care and blessings.....
.....Fay Kennedy....*

Fay A. Kennedy - June 26, 2012 at 01:50 PM

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Dear Fay, you have been the truest friend, a blessing. I love and thank you! Thais

Tha Youn - June 29, 2012 at 10:13 PM

BM

“ *Barbara M. Marieni lit a candle in memory of Rayna Ann Bittel*



Barbara M. Marieni - June 25, 2012 at 03:26 PM

DM

“ *Gene, every time I see a couple on the street walking hand in hand, blind to everyone but each other, I'll think of you and Rayna. I know you were lucky to live the kind of love everyone hopes for in their lives. This is what you'll always carry with you no matter how heavy your heart. I pray for peace for you and your family. Love, Daria and Debbie*

Daria Ayers and Debbie May - June 25, 2012 at 02:53 PM

EB

thank you so much dar deb love you

eugene bittel - June 27, 2012 at 03:00 PM

HS

“ *Helen Swoverland lit a candle in memory of
Rayna Ann Bittel*



helen swoverland - June 25, 2012 at 08:40 AM

EB

thank you helen gene

eugene bittel - June 27, 2012 at 02:59 PM