



## Ms. Chimene - Goree

March 6, 1964 - February 7, 2020

Chimene Goree, affectionately known as Chim-Chim and Chimme, peacefully transitioned from her home in Richmond, California at the age of fifty-five to her home in Heaven on Friday, February 7, 2020. Chimene was born in Oakland, California at Providence Hospital on March 6, 1964 the daughter of John Goree and Cherron Goree. She is preceded in death by her father John Goree; great-grandparents Silas Anderson, Sr. and Ellis Anderson; and grandparents Ulysses A. Pelley and Alverna M. Pelley.

While growing up in Berkeley, California Chimene learned to play the piano at an early age and participated in many childhood music recitals. When she wasn't playing the piano, she enjoyed trips to Lake Anza spending time with her brother Jon, cousins and close friends. Chimene was also an avid reader of her extensive collection of Archie's Betty and Veronica comic books.

Chimene never passed up an opportunity to walk from her childhood home to Sweet Dreams Toy Store on College Avenue with her brother, Jon; cousins, her dog Susie, and sometimes a few friends. Chimene always led the way as she encouraged everyone to take the short cut from her house that she referred to as going through "the forest".

Chimene never hesitated to ask a family member to take her on a 7-11 run to pick up a Slurpee, or stop by Baskin Robbins to buy her favorite ice cream. Chimene also loved spending time on Telegraph Avenue looking at all the street vendor's merchandise, while eating a slice of Blondie's pizza. She always seemed to make her way from Telegraph Avenue to legendary

Leopold Records where she could view the rows of music, and flip through the latest forty-five's.

Chimene attended Emerson Elementary School and West Campus in Berkeley. She also attended Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland where she was a member of the graduating class of 1982. Chimene pursued her college education at the University of California, Berkeley where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. She worked in several capacities in social services within Alameda County.

Chimene listened to Hip-Hop; enjoyed going to concerts, watching movies, camping with the "kickin-it crew", taking trips to the beach, spending time in Los Angeles, and being with her friends and family. She was the "life of the party", and her smile lit up every room she entered.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB **19**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Tam lit a candle in memory of Ms. Chimene - Goree



Tam - February 19, 2020 at 09:35 AM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



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