



Susan Malaika Rooney

May 6, 2026

Susan Malaika Rooney, age 54, passed away peacefully on May 6, 2026. Born on January 25, 1972 in Kenya, East Africa. Malaika was a graduate of Moorestown Friends School Class of "1990". After high school she went on to earn her bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Rutgers, Camden Campus. She worked as a Child Advocate for three years with the State of New Jersey Public Defenders Office. She married David Rooney and they adopted four children: Jeromy, Jamar, Jovany, and Samantha. She lived independently in North Carolina for seven years, where she enjoyed fostering dogs and selling goods at Flea Markets. Then Multiple Scleroses began to take its toll and Malaika lived the rest of her life in nursing homes in NC and NJ. Malaika is survived by her parents Bill Smith and Martha Smith, her brother David Smith and his wife Karen McGann Smith, and her niece Logan Elizabeth Smith.

A memorial service will be held Saturday June 27 at 2:00 pm at the Moorestown Friends Meeting House.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Multiply Sclerosis Society of Cherry Hill.

<https://mymsaa.org/?campaign=441452>

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Moorestown, NJ 08057

Upcoming Events

Masonic Service

JUN 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

Moorestown Friends Meeting House
118 East Main Street
Moorestown, NJ 08057