

A woman with short, styled hair, wearing a light blue cardigan over a blue and white striped dress, stands on a wide, ornate white staircase. The staircase is flanked by white balustrades and leads up towards a golden archway. The background is filled with soft, white clouds and bright, golden light rays emanating from the top. Three white doves are shown in flight: one at the top left, one at the top right, and one at the bottom left. The overall scene is peaceful and heavenly.

In Loving Memory of

Carolyn
Smith

January 18, 1953 – August 8, 2026

Friday, August 21, 2026 - 12:00pm

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Bishop Daniel Farrow, Officiating Minister

Obituary

"While our hearts are heavy, we will take a page from Carolyn's book and live each day to the fullest."

Carolyn Smith was a beautiful example of what it means to truly live life. Born on January 18, 1953, Carolyn brought love, laughter, joy, and an unforgettable spirit to everyone who knew her. She departed this life on August 8, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of love, family, friendship, and countless wonderful memories.

Raised by her beloved grandparents, Samuel and Louise Barnes, Carolyn learned the importance of family, strength, and perseverance—values she carried throughout her life.

Carolyn shared many years of love and companionship with her husband and forever love, Reginald Smith Sr. She was a devoted mother to Reginald Smith Jr. and Sheryllyn Smith and a proud grandmother to Jared and Jordan McKinney. She also leaves to cherish her memory her mother, Dolores Joyner; siblings Vernon Joyner and Veronica Joyner; and beloved nephews Rashaad Joyner, Jonathan Thompkins, and Christian Thompkins. She was preceded in death by her beloved brother, Eric Joyner.

A proud graduate of Charles Evans Hughes High School, Carolyn demonstrated exceptional talent from an early age. While in high school, she earned an award in stenography for achieving over 100 strokes per minute—a remarkable accomplishment at the time. Her talent and dedication led to a successful career as a stenographer and secretary in the publishing and medical fields. She retired in 2014 from the Montefiore Medical Center Pacemaker Center, where she was a highly respected medical secretary who made patients and coworkers feel welcomed, valued, and cared for.

Carolyn was a true lover of life. She enjoyed traveling, mystery novels, basketball, and cheering on her beloved New York Knicks. She was also an exceptional cook, famous among family and friends for her legendary potato salad.

Carolyn had an infectious smile, a vibrant personality, and a heart that made people feel comfortable and loved. She was honest, outspoken, funny, and never afraid to speak her mind—but always with genuine love.

Carolyn understood that ****life is meant to be lived****. She laughed, loved, traveled, cooked, read, cheered for her team, and made memories. Her greatest lesson to those she leaves behind is simple:

****Love your people. Laugh often. Enjoy the moment. Don't let life's difficulties steal your joy. And live life to the fullest.**** While our hearts are heavy, we will honor Carolyn by doing exactly that.

****Rest peacefully, Carolyn. Your life was a gift, your love was a blessing, and your memory will always be a reason to smile.****



Order of Service

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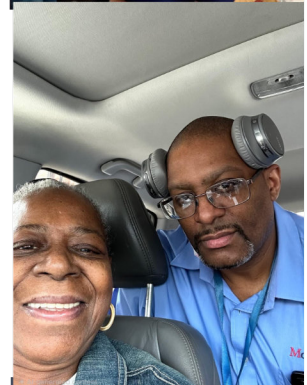
Eulogy

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Acknowledgement

***The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.***

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