

Celebrating the Life of



Cora Pollard

Sunrise
November 10, 1935

Sunset
September 10, 2026

Service
Friday, September 18, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

*Pastor Jay Gooding, Officiating
Dhar Bryant, Organist*

Order of Service

Processional

Selection“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Psalm 90:12-14

New Testament.....John 14: 1-6

Prayer of ComfortPastor Jay Gooding

Selection“I Shall Wear A Crown”

Tributes(2 minutes please)

Obituary

Selection

EulogyPastor Jay Gooding

Committal & Benediction

Remarks by the Funeral Director

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment
Kensico Cemetery
Valhalla, New York

Obituary

Cora Elizabeth Pollard was born on November 10, 1935 to Brady and Otis Pollard in Harlem, New York. An only child, she grew up alongside her favorite cousins, Sugar, Juney and Billy. As a young woman, she attended Baruch college.

Cora married the love of her life Jordan "Sonny" Cavener and they raised two children together, Ricky and Rhonda.

For many years Cora worked for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL), first as the Executive Secretary to the national director and then, as ADL's New York Regional Office Manager until she retired in 2000.

Cora was a woman who believed deeply in the importance of knowing where you came from, understanding your history, and passing that knowledge on to others. Throughout her lifetime, she remained passionate about educating those around her and celebrating the rich history, accomplishments, and contributions of Black people. She believed strongly in preserving the rights, dignity, and respect of people of color, with a particular commitment to empowering and honoring women.

During the 1990s, Cora served in various executive positions within the East Bronx Section of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW). She was also an active member of her local AARP chapter and a proud supporter and member of the Schomburg Center.

Cora was a warm, loving, and remarkable soul who had a true love for reading, particularly books written by Black authors. She loved sharing her thoughts about the books she read and engaging in meaningful conversations. She had a wonderful way of expressing herself and was never afraid to share her opinions. Cora often affectionately referred to television as the "idiot box," and she disliked seeing people spend too much time sitting in front of it. She believed life was meant to be lived, minds were meant to be challenged, and there was always something new to learn and discover.

Cora also had a beautiful spirit of adventure and an extraordinary love for travel. She traveled extensively throughout the United States and made several memorable trips to Africa. She embraced the opportunity to see new places, experience different cultures, and create lasting memories. In her later years, some of her most treasured adventures included a cross country trip in an RV, travels to London, Paris and Alaska. Those journeys created memories that her family will hold close to their hearts for years to come.

Cora was preceded in death by her husband Jordan and son Ricky. She is survived by daughter Rhonda, son-in-law Jeromey, grandchildren, Ann, Ricky Jr., Victor Jr., Jeremy, Javen, Jordyn, and Jennifer. along with a host of relatives, in-laws, and friends.

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgments

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