Celebration of Life For



Kathy Adeline Blount

Sunrise
March 2, 1953

Sunset
October 29, 2026

Service
Wednesday, November 11, 2026 - 6:00PM

McCall's Bronxwood Funeral Home

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Pastor Jay Gooding, Officiating
Tyronne Richardson, Organist

Order of Service

Processional

Selection..... "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

Scriptures Reading .....Clifford Blount (Brother)
Old Testament - Psalms 23
New Testament

Prayer

Soloist .....Genesis Blount (Niece)

Tributes .....Ralph Cathcart (Friend)
Lauretta Jaysura (Best Friend)
David Monroe (Son)

Obituary .....Felicia Williams-Hunin

Selection .....Tyronne Richardson

Eulogy .....Pastor Jay Gooding

Committal

Remarks by Funeral Director

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

Woodlawn Cemetery
Bronx, New York

Obituary

Kathy Adeline Blount was born on March 2, 1953, in New York City to Josephine Adeline Blount and Clifford Blount Jr. She passed away on October 29, 2026, at the age of 73, leaving behind a lasting legacy of love, service, determination, and wisdom.

To those who knew her as Kathy, she was a woman who spoke up when others were overlooked, made room at the table for one more, and found joy in helping people discover their potential. She believed in opening doors, uplifting others, and making a difference wherever life took her.

Family, Values, and Legacy
Above all, Kathy loved her family. As a devoted mother, she made countless sacrifices for her two children and greatest treasures, Shannai and David Monroe. She raised them with courage, determination, and unconditional love. Protective by nature, she was someone who would walk through fire for the people she loved. She cherished every visit with her grandson, Jeremiah Monroe, and took great pride in watching him grow. Her love extended to her siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins, and entire extended family.

Guided by the lessons of her elders, Kathy believed education opened doors and that courage meant holding those doors open for others. Inspired by family members who fought for Black liberation and equal rights, she developed an unwavering commitment to truth, justice, dignity, and accountability. She encouraged every generation to recognize its worth, develop its gifts, overcome adversity, and build upon the sacrifices of those who came before.

Education and a Career of Service
Kathy attended St. Joseph Catholic School and graduated from St. Jeanne the Baptist High School in New York. She earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Stony Brook University, a Master of Science in Social Work from Columbia University through a scholarship from the New York City Administration for Children's Services (ACS), and a Master of Arts in Communication Arts from the New York Institute of Technology.

Following in her mother's footsteps, Kathy became a licensed New York State social worker and dedicated 40 years to serving children and families at ACS. Beginning as a caseworker, she advanced to supervisor and ultimately became a staff trainer, serving employees throughout the Bronx. She also served as the Bronx Equal Employment Opportunity counselor, advocating for fairness, dignity, and respect in the workplace.

As an educator and mentor, Kathy encouraged ACS professionals to look beyond case files and recognize the people, strengths, and circumstances behind every family. She shared her knowledge of the child welfare system, courts, and community resources while helping colleagues develop professionally and prepare for leadership. She believed in listening, collaboration, and seeing the whole family before making decisions. Her influence extended far beyond the classroom, touching the careers and lives of countless colleagues.

Her dedication earned her the Martin Luther King Jr. Award from Monroe College and recognition from NYC Technical College for her work as a trainer. She retired from ACS in 2018 and later returned as a consultant, continuing to share the knowledge she had gained over four decades.

Advocacy and Community Leadership
Kathy's commitment to service extended well beyond her career. As a Local 371 union representative, she advocated for fair wages and better working conditions and participated in demonstrations throughout New York City in support of workers' rights. She was also involved in her local community board and civic and political life in the Northeast Bronx.

Her service included becoming CEO of Sports & Entertainment Consultation Services, LLC, contributing to humanitarian initiatives as a MeaningfulWorld graduate fellow, and volunteering with the NYC Medical Reserve Corps. She was also active in Gamma Phi Delta Sorority and Kidney Stories. In addition, Kathy worked at Madison Square Garden for many years and consistently looked for opportunities to connect others with employment. Even after the COVID shutdown, she continued working from home until illness intervened.

Toastmasters and the Joy of Living
For more than two decades, Kathy helped others find their voices and confidence through Toastmasters International. She served as president of the Co-op City Toastmasters Club, helping lead it to President's Distinguished Club status. She supported the Bronx's only advanced speaking club and contributed to three additional clubs.

Her leadership included serving as a Division 46 officer, District 46 Vice President of Public Relations, and Area Director for multiple terms. She earned the Distinguished Toastmaster designation twice, Toastmasters' highest educational achievement. In October 2024, she was featured alongside fellow New York members in Toastmaster magazine's "Toastmaster Cover Stars" feature. Through Toastmasters and her Gamma Phi Delta sorority sisters, she developed lasting friendships and meaningful connections.

Beyond her professional and community commitments, Kathy truly enjoyed life. She was a people person who treasured shared breakfasts, Starbucks treats, lively conversations, and invitations to Broadway shows. She loved the arts and enjoyed appearing as an extra in television and film productions. An enthusiastic traveler, she enjoyed cruises, island destinations, and discovering different cultures. Her adventures took her to Paris, Alaska, Cuba, Canada, and many other destinations. Whether traveling or spending an ordinary day with loved ones, she brought curiosity, laughter, and enthusiasm to every experience.

Those Who Carry Her Memory
Kathy leaves to cherish her memory her children, Shannai Monroe and David Monroe, and her beloved grandson, Jeremiah Monroe. She is lovingly remembered by her sister, Patricia Williams, and her brother, Clifford Blount III.

She also leaves her nieces and nephews, including Michael Williams, Felicia Williams, Elijah Blount, Genesis Blount, and Joshua Blount, and her great-nephew, Matthew Hunin. Among her many cousins who will remember her are Antoine Solomon Sr., Antoine Solomon Jr., and Rima Solomon, as well as her second cousins Antoine Solomon III, Dorothy Solomon II, and Joy Solomon. She also leaves many other relatives, dear friends, colleagues, sorority sisters, and her cherished French bulldog, Zenova.

Kathy's legacy lives on in the countless people she encouraged, the colleagues she mentored, the families she served, and the loved ones whose lives she shaped. She taught those around her that true strength means persevering through hardship, protecting those you love, standing up for what is right, and remaining compassionate along the way.

Her message was simple but powerful: Live life to the fullest. Develop your gifts. Speak out against injustice. Never stop striving to become all you can be, and never forget to give back to others.

The lessons she taught, the doors she opened, and the lives she touched will continue to inspire generations to come. Her story does not end here; it lives on through the people she loved, the opportunities she created, and the legacy she leaves behind.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures He gives me repose: Before restful waters He leads me: He refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for His name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil: for you are at my side, with your rod and your staff that give me courage. You spread a table for me in the sight of my foes: you anoint my head with oil: my cup overflows. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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