CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Catherlieen Lockhart

AUGUST 4, 1949 – NOVEMBER 2, 2026

"I believe in you."

A life of love, strength, music, and adventure

Cotton Funeral Service

130 S Main St · Orange, NJ 07050
Thursday, November 12, 2026
Viewing: 10:00 AM | Funeral Service: 11:00 AM

Her Life & Legacy

Catherlieen Lockhart was born on August 4, 1949, in Sumter, South Carolina, to Leo and Liz Mae Twitty. She grew up alongside her beloved brother, Arthur Twitty. After the passing of their father, the family moved to New York and later settled in Montclair, New Jersey. Catherlieen graduated from Montclair High School, laying the foundation for a life defined by curiosity, determination, and a love of learning.

Catherlieen had a deep appreciation for the arts, especially music. Her extensive collection of records, 8-track tapes, cassettes, and CDs spanned many genres. Chaka Khan, Luther Vandross, and Stevie Wonder were among her favorites. Music brought joy to her life and became part of the memories she shared with those around her.

She began her professional career as a secretary. Encouraged by the Brunson family, with whom she shared a close relationship and often stayed, she pursued every training class Bell Atlantic offered. Her initiative and hard work eventually led her into the company's engineering group, a testament to her intelligence, perseverance, and belief in continuing to grow.

Catherlieen was briefly married to Joseph Lockhart Sr. She was the proud mother of two children, Catherine Denice Lockhart and Joseph Lockhart Jr. Being a mother was among her greatest joys and responsibilities. She worked hard to give her children the best education she could afford and made sure they experienced sports, music lessons, scouting, and opportunities to discover their talents.

Alongside that encouragement came structure and responsibility. In Catherlieen's home, there was rarely a day without chores! She taught her children independence, discipline, respect, and the importance of hard work.

A Spirit of Encouragement

Her familiar words carried the warmth of a mother who believed deeply in her children: "I believe in you." "Ahh, you can do that." "Just keep trying, you'll get there." These were not merely sayings. They were lessons in confidence, patience, and resilience that her family will carry forward.

Catherlieen loved traveling with her friends, exploring countries and cultures around the world. France and Brazil held special places in her heart. She also loved the Caribbean, particularly Jamaica, Barbados, and St. Thomas. Her travels reflected a joyful curiosity and a determination to experience all that life had to offer.

In the later chapter of her life, Catherlieen experienced kidney failure and, during that difficult period, the heartbreaking loss of her beloved daughter, Catherine Denice Lockhart. Her final chapter included profound challenges, but those hardships do not define her. She will be remembered for the love she gave, the opportunities she created, and the strength and encouragement she shared.

Catherlieen was preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Liz Mae Twitty; her former husband, Joseph Lockhart Sr.; and her beloved daughter, Catherine Denice Lockhart. She leaves to cherish her memory her brother, Arthur Twitty; her son, Joseph Lockhart Jr., also known as Yusef Ali Abdur Rahim, and his wife, Senovia Lockhart; and her grandchildren, Mark Paul Andrew Hand Jr., Makhi Lockhart, Na'ilah Elyse Lockhart, and Salih Salaam.

She is also lovingly remembered by her nieces and nephews, including Beth Ann Winn, Tyrone Sharif Winn, Crystal Twitty, Christina Twitty, Ashley Winn, Brittney Winn, Isaac, and Starlight; as well as extended family, cherished friends, and everyone whose life she touched.

"Just keep trying, you'll get there."

A Beautiful Life Through the Years



A timeless portrait



A milestone in education



A joyful younger moment



A cherished family memory

Forever Loved. Forever Remembered.

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