



*In Loving Memory of*

*Gwendolyn  
Michelle  
Spears*

Sunrise: November 17, 1966  
Sunset: July 4, 2018

**Memorial Service**  
Saturday, July 14, 2018 – 1:00 pm

**Cotton Funeral Service**  
1025 Bergen Street, Newark, New Jersey

## *Obituary*

**Gwendolyn Michelle Spears** was born November 17, 1966 to Gwendolyn Spears, Sr. and Harry Steven Spears II. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018, she was called home to rest with her mother, brother, and other family members who have passed on as well as with her heavenly father.

**Gwendolyn** received her formal education in the Newark Public School system. She graduated from Central High School and then attended Essex County College where she obtained her Associates Degree in Healthcare.

**Gwendolyn** began her working career as a college work study student before becoming a full time employee. Later she utilized her degree in healthcare, she worked as an administrator as well as a CNA for several public and private practices.

**Gwendolyn** enjoyed life and spending her time with family and friends. She also had a love for fashion and was known to be stylish wherever she went. Gwen was known by many and once you met her you knew you had a friend for life. Lil Girl, Lil Gwen or Hakima as she was affectionately called was the life of any party and had a laugh that was heard from miles away. Although majority of her life was spent living in different parts of New Jersey, she moved to Syracuse, New York where she lived until she passed.

**Gwendolyn** was preceded in death by her mother; Gwendolyn Spears, Sr., father; Harry Steven Spears II, her grandmother; Adele Bryant, grandfather; Marion Henry, brother; Harry Steven Spears III, as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

**Gwendolyn Michelle Spears** leaves to cherish her memory her daughters; Jovanna Michelle Spears and Airyanna Michelle Williamson, her godchildren; Idris Campbell, Iyanna and Tiyanna Jenkins, as well as her best friend; Rhonda Jenkins and a host of other aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

# Order of Service

## **Selection**

Sam Lewis

## **Scripture Reading - Cathy Sanders**

Old Testament

New Testament

## **Prayer of Comfort**

Cathy Sanders

## **Remarks**

(Two minutes each please)

## **Acknowledgements**

## **Obituary**

## **Selection**

Sam Lewis

## **Eulogy**

Cathy Sanders

## **Repast**

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# *I'll Be With You Always*

*To those I love and those that love me,  
When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I travel alone  
So grieve for a while for me if you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you so soft and clear  
And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say, "Welcome Home."*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Gwendolyn Michelle Spears** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for thoughtfulness and concern.

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