

Celebration of Life & Legacy of



*Sister
Vernelle Booker
“Candy”*

**Sunrise
April 14, 1955**

**Sunset
July 26, 2020**

Sunday, August 9, 2020 - 4:00 pm

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

1406 Pitkin Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11233

Vernelle's (Candy) Obituary / Legacy

*When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought
as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*

(1Corinthians 13:11)

On the beautiful Thursday, April 14, 1955 in Orangeburg, South Carolina a bouncing baby girl was born to James and Mazie Baker. She was given the name **Vernelle Baker**. Baby Vernelle was the youngest of eight children which consisted of five boys and three girls.

At an early age the family migrated to Brooklyn, New York where Vernelle began her education. Vernelle was educated in the New York Public School System although she attended Clara Barton High School, she graduated from Thomas Jefferson. Her Christian walk began when Vernelle, along with her mother and three of her siblings joined The Holy House of Prayer for All People, Inc. under the leadership of the late Elder Edward D. Sangster. She served faithfully on the Intermediate Usher Board. Vernelle continued her faithful membership under the current leader Pastor Paul Seay until her employment wouldn't allow her to attend as often as she would've liked.

Upon graduating from High School, Vernelle also known as "Candy" began her employment with the Summer Youth Program, afterwards she went to work as a Traffic Enforcement Agent with the City of New York. She later obtained employment with Faith, Hope and Charity Day Care Center as an Assistant Teacher where she worked for several years. She loved the children and they adored her. The staff also loved her. After leaving Faith Hope and Charity, she went to work at The Shirley Chisholm Day Care Center. Later Vernelle began working at Youth Adult Institute where she cared for adults who were physically and mentally disabled. Although they had these challenges, Vernelle treated them as though they didn't have a care in the world. All through life, Vernelle was loved by all who knew her. She loved to shop, laugh, dance and have fun with her family and friends. Vernelle was a "FASHIONISTA!" Vernelle also was a gifted artist who loved to draw.

On Monday, May 31, 1976 in Swan Lake New York, Vernelle married the love of her life William Lee Booker from this union three children were born, Lee William, Victoria Mazie and Andrenkia Mellissann; her children was her biggest accomplishment and she loved them like no one else could not treating one better than the other. She taught her children to be respectful, treat others as they want to be treated and the value of education. She prepared them for life as an adult. All of her valuable lessons did not prepare them for this moment.

Vernelle was predeceased by her parents, James and Mazie Baker, her sister Shirley and her brother Levern.

Vernelle was called home by God on Wednesday, July 26, 2020 at her home in Brooklyn, New York.

Vernelle leaves to cherish her life and her legacy her husband, William Lee Booker, her three children Lee William (Shuko), Victoria Mazie (Tani) and Andrenkia Mellissann all currently residing in Georgia, four brothers Clifton (Faye), James, Jr. (Viva), Jerry, and Anthony, her sister Mary, her sister from another mother Delores Smith-Johnson, three grandchildren, Khalel Nikata, Latrell Denzel and Tristen Mackenzie, sister-in-law Charlene (wife of Levern) four aunts, three uncles, her Godson Edwin Smith, her extended family, The Matthews Family, a very close and dear friend Delores Green, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends along with her family from work.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional Clergy & Family

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Paul Seay
Holy House of Prayer For All People, Inc.

Scripture Readings

Old TestamentEcclesiastes 3:1-8 Pastor Israel Matthews

New Testament John 14:1-7-Pastor Israel Matthews
Christian Outreach Deliverance

Solo Sister Delores Green

ReflectionsFamily & Friends (2 Minutes)
Representative from Job
Family Member
Friend

Solo Sister Azurde Jordan

Acknowledgments & Obituary Chaplain Delores Smith-Johnson

Eulogy Pastor Paul Seay

Committal/Benediction Pastor Paul Seay

Recessional

Inurnment
Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, 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 of Vernelle Booker would like to express their sincere appreciation, love, prayers, telephone calls, emails, text messages and all acts of kindness, condolences, expressions of sympathy shown to them during this their time of bereavement.

2352 8th Avenue • Manhattan, NY • (212) 666-8300
1406 Pitkin Avenue • Brooklyn, NY • (718) 774-1023
1018 Prospect Avenue • Bronx, NY • (718) 542-3833



Clifford V. James, President & CEO

www.unityfuneralchapels.com

email: unityfc@aol.com

"Your Loved Ones Deserve The Best - Unity"

3