

In Loving Memory of
Phyllis Charisse Copeland

Sunrise
January 8, 1959

Sunset
August 5, 2020



Service

Friday, August 21, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.

Whigham Funeral Home
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Phyllis Charisse Copeland was born on January 8, 1959 in Newark, NJ to the late Aria L. and Mamie Blount Copeland.

Phyllis attended grammar school at Queen of Angels and graduated in 1973. She went on to attend St. Vincent's Academy and graduated in 1977. During her elementary and high school years, she was a star basketball player and won many awards for her accomplishments. She completed 2 years of college at Seton Hall University.

After college, Phyllis worked a couple of years in Finance before working in Security Services until her illness forced her to retire in 2010.

During her retirement, Phyllis volunteered at New Community Extended Care Center. She credits the medical staff and nurses for her recovery and the opportunity to have a better quality of life.

In the community where she lived, she was well liked by her neighbors. She would run errands for the elderly and participate in lively debates with the office and maintenance workers. She will be sorely missed by her neighborhood.

Phyllis passed away on Wednesday August 5, 2020 in her home. She is predeceased by her parents, Aria L. Copeland and Mamie B. Copeland.

She leaves to mourn her sisters, Jacquelyn G. Copeland-Rainey of Plainfield (Ramonze) and Aaqila H. Salaam, formerly Kim Y. Copeland of Louisville, KY; one nephew, KaRon R. Rainey; 3 aunts, Doris Rogers of Columbus, GA, Ann Irvin and Christine Menyweathers of Newark, NJ and one uncle, Joe Harding of Rahway, NJ; with a host of cousins and friends.



Order of Service

Prelude

Prayer
Reverend

Solo
Pianist

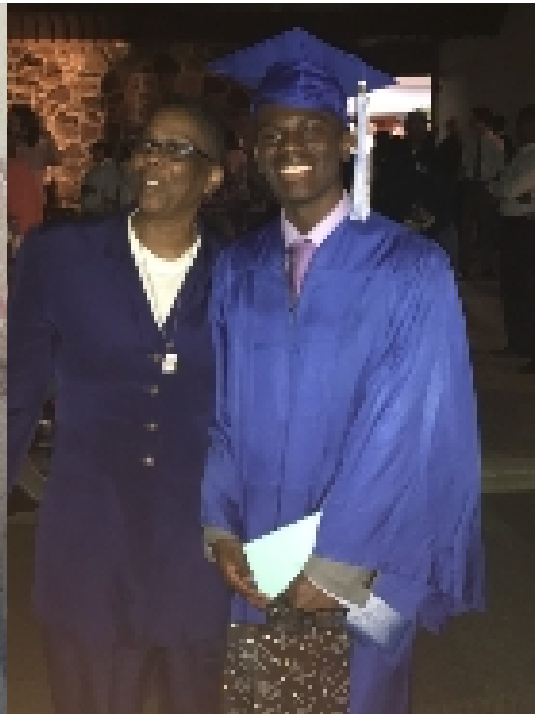
Eulogy
Reverend

Solo
Pianist

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey



Remembrance

*In our hearts we thought of you today.
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday.
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence.
We often speak your name
Now all we have are memories.
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake.
With which we'll never part.
GOD has you in his keeping.
We gave you in our heart.*



Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow.

~ The Family ~

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