

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Arlene Jenkins*

Sunrise  
October 23, 1954

Sunset  
November 14, 2020

Saturday, November 28, 2020 - 10am

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# Obituary

**Arlene Jenkins** lived in Harlem, New York all of her life. Attended the New York City Public School system, working various jobs to support her family. She was born to her loving mother and father, Celestine “Teenie” Jenkins who preceded her in death, her father, Alvin Barnes. The two loves of her life, Freddie Brown and Craig Caldwell (both deceased). She was the youngest daughter of seven children who preceded her in death, four brothers, Claude “CJ” (ex-wife, Tony), Albert “Bert” (wife, Earline), Michael “Mickey” (wife, Ruthann), and Gregory “Butter”; nephew, Eric Jenkins; brother-in-law, Benjamin Pinckney; nephew, Benjamin Pinckney, Jr.; and granddaughter, Royal Moray Brown.

Arlene is survived by her children, daughter, Michelle Butler; son-in-law, Kenny, sons, Tyrell Brown; daughter-in-law, Ramona Hill, Markell Jenkins; daughter-in-law, Cynthia; grandchildren, Lanae “Nae-Nae”, Markell Jr. “Papa”, Maliyah, Aniyah, Emani and Trinity. She also leaves her sisters, Helen Pinckney, Florine Worthen, brother-in-law, Sam Worthen; aunt, Joan Watson; nephews and their wives, Dwayne (Malika), Kenny (DeDe), Michael “Tone”, Albert Jr. “Bert”, Brenda-J, Jerome (Leslie), Bryce, Dell and Randy (Lauren); nieces and their husbands, Wanda (Sherman), Lynn (Treavor), Monique, Athea, Alexis, Alisha, Nicole, Shanika, Precious and Sherron; mother-in-law, Jessie Brown; sisters-in-law, Stephanie and Michelle Brown; adopted son, Jaquan (Jabba) Watson; adopted daughter, Kelly; a large host of grand nieces, nephews and cousins; and her special friends, Lidia, Brenda and Mirtha.

It has been said that a good impact on someone is a beautiful thing, our Arlene had that influence. Everything she did in her short time with us touched us in many ways that’s not going to be easily forgotten. Arlene was able to help raise many generations of families and friends. She loved those kids.

Although tiny, her heart was large and pure. All she wanted to do was help in whatever capacity she could. Her willing spirit was always evident for all to see. Arlene did any and everything that was asked of her. Not limiting herself to going to stores, laundry, doctor’s appointments, helping with birthday parties, showers, etc. Arlene opened her home to everyone making room for one more, cooking meals like her famous potato salad and devil eggs.

That you can be sure, she was trustworthy, very reliable and always on time. She’s so loved. Think of her with that forever smile on her face, even when she would stretched the truth a little bit. Think of her dancing at parties, especially with the kids, enjoying life. Remember our Arlene as that great mother, grandmother, sister, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, caregiver, caretaker, support giver and a great friend. Rest now Arlene, job well done. Relax for a change. We love you.

# Order of Service

Michael (Tone) Jenkins, Officiating

Prelude.....“Speak to My Heart”

Processional

Opening Hymn.....“Take Me to The King”

Scripture Readings.....Stephanie Benson-Jenkins  
Old Testament - Psalm 23  
New Testament - John 14:1-3

Obituary/Acknowledgments.....Michael Jenkins/Monique Jenkins

Music Selection.....“Missing You”

Remarks..... (Two Minutes Per Person)

Solo.....Quay Nicholas

Eulogy.....Michael (Tone) Jenkins

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Parting View

INTERMENT:  
Mt. Holiness Memorial Park  
Butler, New Jersey

# *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 acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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