

*Celebrating the Life, Love & Legacy  
of*



*M. Carolyn Roberts*

**Sunrise  
June 4, 1943**

**Sunset  
March 9, 2021**

**Friday, March 19, 2021 - 10:00 am**

**Friendly Baptist Church**

962 Ogden Avenue, Bronx, NY

**Rev. Albert O.L. Sutton, Senior Pastor**

**Eugene Tolbert, Musician**



# *Obituary*

**Mary Carolyn Frederick Roberts**, the daughter of the late Alice White and Edward Frederick, was born on June 4, 1943 in Newberry, South Carolina. She was the youngest of three children. She went home to be with the Lord on March 9, 2021 in the city she loved, Bronx, NY.

Carolyn moved to the Bronx at an early age and attended PS 52 and Roosevelt HS. She met Leonard Roberts in the neighborhood where she lived and they married on August 7, 1965. They had 4 children, Brian, Cheryl Yolanda, Cheryl Lynel and Regina.

Carolyn's work career started at DC 37 in the early 70s and from there she worked at various schools under the Board of Education including Evander Childs HS and Adlai E. Stevenson HS as a School Office Aide, where she retired in 2001. Throughout her tenure she came across many wonderful coworkers that later became lifelong friends.

Carolyn served on the Tenants' Association Board and served breakfast and lunches to the neighborhood children in Leland apartment complex for many years. She was well known as one of the mothers of Leland.

Carolyn gave her life to Christ and attended services at Goodwill Baptist until she found her church home at Friendly Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member for over 45 years. Carolyn served on the Senior Choir, The Sutton Gospel Ensemble, The Radio Choir, The Nurses Unit, The Pastor's Aides, and The Missionaries. She was always "on patrol" making sure no one went in places in the church they shouldn't be. She faithfully attended Sunday school classes and Adult Bible Study. She was a part of multiple Prayer lines and she served her Pastor Rev Albert Sutton and First Lady Betty Sutton with a deep level of love, compassion, energy, humbleness and integrity that only comes with a truly faithful trusting relationship with the Heavenly Father.

Carolyn's other passions beside Jesus included Photography and Gospel Quartet Music. Carolyn traveled all over the country by Bus and Amtrak with various groups and sold a lot of tickets for various shows. She was known by Artists, the Promoters, and Managers of the Gospel Quartet Music industry as "Big Mama". She not only attended their show, but also events and funerals. If you knew Carol or Big Mama as some lovingly called her, then you knew she was famous for her hats, jewelry, church outfits and collectible items such as plates and elephants. Carolyn made lifelong friends wherever she went. She did her best to treat each person with love and compassion. This was the gift Our Heavenly Father bestowed upon her and we are forever grateful.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Roberts, mother, Alice White, father, Edward Frederick and daughter, Cheryl Yolanda.

Carolyn leaves to cherish and honor her precious memories: three children, Brian Roberts, Cheryl Lynel Roberts both of Bronx, NY and Regina Roberts, Raleigh, NC; Grandson, Dante Roberts, Bronx, NY; Sister, Mattie Alewine, Batesburg, SC; Brother-in-law, Lawrence Roberts, Bronx, NY; South Carolina daughter and grandson, Blanche and Toby Goodson. Godsister, Gladys "Cookie: Beaulieu and Best friend of over 50 years Ollie Thornton, Lori "little bit" Thornton and Stacey Butler. Adopted godsons, Darryl King, Clifford Amatrading and Alvin Vivican Jr. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, church, work families and The Quartet Music Industry.

# *Order of Worship*

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Processional.....The Clergy, The Officers & The Family

Hymn of Comfort

Prayer Comfort

Scripture

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection ..... Eric Jackson

Obituary..... Lori Thornton

Resolution ..... Ms. Janelle Boyd

Selection ..... Eric Jackson

Reflections..... “2 MINUTES”  
The Church  
The Community  
The Family

Selection..... Special Guest

The Eulogy.....Pastor Albert O.L. Sutton

The Last Glance.....Patricia A. Morris Funeral Chapel

The Committal/Benediction.....The Clergy, Officers & Family

## *Interment*

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Mt. Hope Cemetery  
Hastings-On-Hudson, NY

## *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.*

*Professional Service Entrusted To:*

***Patricia A. Morris Funeral Chapel, LLC***

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*Isaiah 40:1 ... Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.*

