

John 11:25

“I am the resurrection,
and the life: he that
believeth in me,
though he were dead,
yet shall he live... “

Revelation 21:4

“And God shall wipe
away all tears from their
eyes; and there shall be
no more death, neither
sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any
more pain: for the former
things are passed away.”

A Celebration of Life for

Mary Carol Stokes

June 19, 1939 - April 19, 2021



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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SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021 - 12:00 NOON

Cotton Funeral Service

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Obituary

Mary Carol Stokes (Carol), daughter of the late Naomi Moore Ricks and George Washington Ricks was born June 19, 1939 in Nash County, NC. She was the fifth child in a family of eight, four girls and four boys and departed this life on April 19, 2021. Following a short period of illness, Carol beautifully answered the Master's call and entered into eternal rest.

Carol received her early education in North Carolina and New Jersey. In New Jersey she graduated from Grover Cleveland High School in Caldwell, NJ and extended her education of two years at Essex County College in Newark, NJ. She also attended a Cosmetology school in Newark and received her beauty culture diploma and completed a teacher's course at the Newark Tabernacle Teacher's Academy.

Carol worked at Merck & Company, Inc., (formally Schering Plough) for over 25 years until she retired. On April 13, 1968, she married her husband the late Henry (Hank) Stokes. This union was blessed with two beautiful stepdaughters, Oneida and Regina Stokes. Carol was a caring Mother, one of life's greatest blessings. She was a loving and devoted mother teaching her family to love, pray and serve the LORD. Carol would frequently have family prayer on the phone with her son Todd on Wednesdays.

In August of 2015, Carol moved from her retirement home in Rocky Mount, NC where she lived for over 12 years to live with her youngest son Mark in New Jersey. During

her stay in NC Carol joined the Unity of Faith Family Church under the leadership of pastors, Christopher and Sherron Jordan where she enjoyed the love and fellowship with the saints.

Carol gave her heart to the Lord at an early age and loved working to please him at all times. Full of joy, laughter and song, she always had a smile on her face. She enjoyed fellowshiping and worship with those who were to do the same. Her outgoing personality reflected the love and comfort she found in Christ. Carol also was an active member at Newark Gospel Tabernacle in Newark, NJ where she worshiped faithfully and willingly and worked wherever she was needed, including the homeless and street ministries and the hospitality committee. She also participated in Women's Fellowship meetings, started the church's Single's ministry and served as a devoted intercessor during Sunday morning services. Carol was so special and wonderful. She lived for her family and church and sacrificed all that she had for both.

Carol is preceded in death by her two brothers: Reverend Lendell Ricks; Joseph Ricks; sister: Iola James ,her grandson: Keelan Stokes. She leaves us to cherish precious memories: her sons, Todd and Mark Stokes (wife, Sakirah); 7 grandchildren in Akron, OH and 2 grandchildren in West Orange, NJ, 11 greatgrand children in Akron, OH; granddaughters: Sanyah and Kayla Stokes; stepdaughters, Oneida Clay and Regina Martin, stepson, Jerome Stokes of Akron, OH, sisters: Evangelist Georgia Price of Rocky Mount, NC; Nancy Jefferson (George) of Newark, DE; two brothers, Nathaniel Ricks of Los Angeles, CA; Rodger Ricks (Anna) of Winter Haven, FL., and, of course, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and dear friends.

Order of Service

Processional Selection

Scripture Reading Old Testament New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Solo Essence Williams

Remarks (Two minutes each please)

Poem Sister Nancy Jefferson

Acknowledgements

Obituary Regina Martin

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Heavenly Rest Cemetery
East Hanover, New Jersey