

In Loving Memory of



Carolyn F. Fernigan

Sunrise
July 20, 1958

Sunset
May 16, 2021

Service

Saturday, May 29, 2021

Visitation: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Funeral Service: 11:00 a.m.

MOUNT GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

1682 Morris Avenue • Bronx, New York 10457

Rev. Roderick McAthur, Officiating

Kristen Holden, Musician

Order of Service

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 23

New Testament – Revelation 21:1-7

Selection

Reflections (2 minutes each)

Family and Friends

Obituary

Eulogy

Final View

Benediction

Committal

Recessional

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

Obituary



Carolyn Faye Jernigan was born July 20, 1958 at Chowan Hospital in Edenton, North Carolina. She was the second oldest of eight children born to her parents (Leathia and Walter Jernigan). When Faye was just a little girl, her parents moved from North Carolina to the Bronx. Growing up, Faye enjoyed visiting her family in North Carolina every summer. It was always her home, away from home. As a teen, she attended Morris High School in The Bronx.

Carolyn Faye Jernigan was a strong-willed, outspoken, creative, patient, and loving woman amongst her family and friends. She devoted her life to helping her family. If you were fortunate enough to know her, you may have called her “Faye, Mommy, Momma Faye, or Nana.”

Faye was always known as, “the life of the party”. Her radiant energy and laughter would light up any room she was in. Faye was always feisty and protective of herself, her family, as well as her friends. She enjoyed having fun, dancing, rocking the latest fashion, and listening to music. Some of her favorite musicians were Atlantic Starr, Levert, Jodeci, Keith Sweat, The Isley Brothers, Marvin Gaye, Teddy Pendergrass, and a host of Gospel Artists. Those are just a few. Nevertheless, her taste in music influenced anyone who spent time at her house. Faye was known for her perfectly picked afro. She took great pride in her looks and had a fetish for shoes. One of her favorite shoe stores was “Fred Michaels”, on 149th street in The Bronx.

Faye’s family was her pride and joy, to whom she loved, unconditionally. She enjoyed having family over, cooking, hosting gatherings, and indulging in sweets. She always opened her home to family who needed it. She was a listening ear to anyone who needed someone to talk to. Faye was passionate about helping her family, even with her tough exterior. She was a true Cancer, hard on the outside but sweet on the inside. She had one expression that let everyone know she was not playing, when that left eyebrow raised up and her hand went on her hip - she was about to give you the business!

Faye was the single mother of five kids: Walter (Kareem) named after her father, Tamara, Marlene, Marvell and Stephany. All of whom she raised to be strong, independent, and resilient. Faye encouraged her children to excel and achieve more in life than she had the opportunity to. As a single mother, she always made the impossible possible.

Faye was self-sufficient, smart, and a quick learner. Anything she set her mind to, she would do it. Some of her favorite activities were solving crossword puzzles, reading the newspaper, watching the news, Tyler Perry shows/movies, lifetime, court tv, and law and order.

As a proud grandmother, Faye always went above and beyond for her “Grands” as she would say (Kareem, Walter Jr., Naimah, Jamani, M’Asia, Kaiahri, Karma, and Najii). She supported, loved, and nurtured her grandchildren. She sacrificed her time to help raise them, making her house their home. From babysitting, to homework, cooking (making sure they ate all their vegetables before they could touch their meat), and teaching them the basic fundamentals of life.

She enjoyed playing the lottery and cashed in a few times. During the day, she visited “Forever Young II Social Adult Day Care” where she made lots of friends and enjoyed dressing up to hang out, have fun, and making the best arts and crafts. She couldn’t wait to show her family the masterpieces she made.

Full of life and still very feisty, Faye fought to the very end of her last days. She always put on a brave face to be strong and protect her family. No matter her pain, she didn’t want to see her family hurt. Such bravery deserves recognition. She was loved by her family and will be deeply missed.

She was preceded in death by her son (Marvell), her parents, and her sister (Phyllis).

She leaves to mourn her 4 children Walter, Tamara, Marlene and Stephany, 8 grandchildren Kareem, Walter Jr, Naimah, Jamani, M’Asia, Kaiahri, Karma and Najii; 6 siblings Cynthia, Walter, Patricia, Lisa, Tracy and Jacqueline and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Lovingly Submitted, The Family



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 Him call*

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, 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 savored 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!*

Acknowledgements

*The family of Carolyn Faye Jernigan wishes to express
their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of
kindness shown in their time of sorrow.*

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