

*In Loving Memory of  
Karen Ada Morrison-Phipps*

Sunrise:  
October 18, 1949

Sunset:  
September 20, 2021



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021 - 12:00 NOON

**Cotton Funeral Service**

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

## *Obituary*

Karen was born on October 18, 1949, the second of eight children of the late Frederick and Helen Morrison. She peacefully departed this life at the age of 71 on September 20, 2021 surrounded by her family.

Educated in the Newark public school system, Karen earned her Associates Degree in Business Administration from Essex County College. A witty, strong willed and loving person...Karen retired from the Integrity House, Newark NJ after 20+ years of support to her community. Those who shared space with Karen knew that she always found the positive in a situation, believed that silver linings were abundant and was grateful for every day.

As one of the oldest of a family of 8, Karen valued family, commitment and sacrifice. She had an unwavering work ethic and was a DIY (Do it Yourself) poster girl. Having what some would call "the finer things in life" was not important, as Karen was touched more by sentiment and time than material possession.

Karen had a forgiving spirit, rarely expressed frustration and would never swear (no matter how bad the situation). It was that energy that made her so special, easy to share with and a person in which you could put forth all your trust. Those who knew her loved her, as that is what you received in return...love!

Karen was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, and friend to all. She embraced everyone (at their best or worst) and would lend support at a moment's notice. Karen was preceded in death by her son Eric, and siblings Constance, Frederick, and Douglas.

Karen is survived by her husband, Wesley, their children Robin (Andre), Tracye (Michael), Mark (Valerie), and her niece Miloe (Jean) who was like a daughter to her. She also leaves to cherish her memory, 7 grandchildren...Kristopher (Ayana), Kellise (Robert), Mark Jr., Brandon, Michael, Aaron, Caleb...along with 11 great grandchildren.

Karen is also survived by sisters Patricia (Gordon), Marylyn (William), brothers William and Ronald, and her aunt Ann Morrison along with a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

# *Order of Service*

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Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

*Cremation*

Rosedale Crematory  
Orange, New Jersey

To my family  
I'll forever be in your Heart

Picture me as I was,  
Full of life and love.  
Although not with you now,  
I'm watching from above.  
I know how much  
you miss me,  
and I miss you too.  
It was my time to leave,  
as each of us will do.  
Although not in your arms,  
I'm always in your heart.  
The precious love we shared,  
means we're never far apart.

Lovingly submitted by Karen

## *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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