



## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
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, to 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 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 peace to thee,  
God wanted me now; He set me free.

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **Carmella F. Bowler** acknowledges all the acts of kindness you've shown during this time of bereavement.  
May God Bless You ALL!!!*

### *The Family*

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# *A Celebration of Life for Carmella F. Bowler*

February 23, 1959 - September 22, 2021



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021 - 4:00 PM**  
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## *Obituary*

Carmella Francine Bowler, affectionately called “CARMI” by family, was born on February 23, 1959 to her late mother and father, Bess Richardson and Frank Gayles, in Newark, NJ. She unexpectedly departed this earth-bound journey on September 22, 2021 at the Clara Maas Medical Center, located in Belleville, NJ.

In 1966, the family relocated from Newark, NJ to Montclair, NJ where she was raised and educated in the Montclair Public School System.

Carmi joined the Montclair Royaliers Drill Team and later became a member of the Soul Stompers and served as Team Captain. Under her leadership, this drill team performed at many state competitions. She loved sports – basketball and track and field, but her favorite was football; she was a die-hard Giants fan (Go Blue!).

Carmella met Angelo Jett in Montclair, NJ and from this relationship she was blessed with her son Angelo who was the love of her life.

Carmella held several job positions in her adult life and infused her elevated work standards to each position she held. Most notable of these positions were receptionist/dispatcher at Father and Sons Moving Company-Newark, NJ; Lab Technician Assistant at St. Joseph Hospital-Paterson, NJ; and Senior Maintenance Building Technician at Montclair State College-Upper Montclair, NJ. She was always a team player and held in high regards by her co-workers, supervisors and friends.

Carmi was an avid reader, appreciated music-especially the “oldies but goodies” sound and an enthusiastic and skillful Spades card player. Christmas music would permeate her home during the holiday season in which she favored “Silent Night” and would burst into tears whenever she heard it. When it comes to family gatherings, she would prepare her “CB Special” dish, but she would never disclose the recipe to anyone, she’ll say, “If I tell ya, I’ll have to kill ya!!!”

Carmi will truly be missed; her smile and her hearty laugh would shine through when she regaled all with family stories. She would become so animated with the stories, she would have to catch her breath midway before continuing. You just can’t imagine how funny and sensitive she was, Carmi would cry at a drop of a hat, even while wearing her “dark shades, ”Oh those precious memories!!!

Carmi leaves to cherish her memory: her beloved son, Angelo Jett-Montclair, NJ; godson, Kermaine (KC) Carr-Shamokin, PA; sister, Lisa Hicks-Murray (Derrick)-Davenport, FL; brother, Brian Hicks-Orange, NJ; aunt, Macie (Auntie) Bowler-Montclair, NJ; uncles, James Bowler-Montclair, NJ and Abdullah Bowler (Rasheedah)-Montclair, NJ; nieces, Nadirah Watts-Jonesboro, GA; Tasia Bynes-Elizabeth, NJ; Daleysia Murray-Davenport, FL; Shanise Honeyblue-Davenport, FL; nephew, Dorian Murray-Davenport, FL; and a host of cousins and friends, especially Yvonne, Sheri and Sylvia. She joins in eternity, mother-Bess Richardson, father-Frank Gayles, brother-Kevin Bowler, sisters Doreen Watts and Jenise Bowler, god-sister, Sheila Blaine, great-grandparents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins.



“Nightie-night CARMI – We Love You and Miss You”

Lovingly Submitted-The Family

## *Order of Service*

Pastor, Tyrone Hulin, Officiating

Organ Prelude.....Organist

Professional.....Clergy and Family

Opening Hymn .....“Blessed Assurance”

Prayer Of Comfort

Scripture Reading.....Deacon Edward Watson

Musical Selection.....Sister Joann Fairley

Reflections (Two Minutes Please).....Yvonne Clowers  
Cheri Jeter  
Sylvia Sims

Acknowledgements/Obituary.....Missionary Nicole McCoy

Musical Selection.....Deacon Romel Fairley

Eulogy.....Bishop Norman L. Prescott, Prelate Emeritus

Recessional

### **Repast**

Wally Choice Community Building (Park House)  
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*Interment*  
Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

