

*Homegoing Service
In Loving Memory of*



Carrie Bell Jackson Arroy

**Sunrise: March 29, 1928
Sunset: September 23, 2021**

**Friday, October 8, 2021
Viewing: 9AM – 10AM Funeral: 10AM**

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.
2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027**

**Thanks to our Officiate
Pastor Edward Benson and Pastor Aisha Benson**

Order of Service

Music.....Instrumental

Family Processional/Family Seating

Opening Prayer.....Pastor Edward Benson

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-4.....Keesha White

New Testament - 2 Corinthians 5:6-8.....Duane Matthews

Poetry Reading..... David Matthews & Duane Matthews

Prayer of Comfort.....Paul Arroy

Reading of Cards.....David Matthews

Song..... Surprise Guests

Life & Celebration of Carrie Arroy..Cathy Mack, Family & Friends

Obituary..... Tameka Santiago/Tionne Arroy

Song.....Victor Arroyo

Eulogy.....Aisha Benson

Slide Show Presentation..... Malik Cofield & Shon Mack

Recessional

Committal Services performed by Pastors Duane, Kea Matthews,
Pastors Edward and Aisha Benson

INTERMENT

Calverton National Cemetery
210 Princeton Blvd, Calverton, NY 11933

Zoom Information for 10AM Funeral Service (done by Devon Mack)

Calling: 9292056099

Meeting ID: 8638734204

Password: 542963

Obituary

Carrie Bell Arroy was born on March 29th, 1928, to Ollie Mae and John Thomas Jackson, Jr. in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was born at home with the assistance of a midwife. Carry passed away at the age of 93, on September 23, 2021 at the Embassy of Ivy Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Wyndmoor, PA.

Carrie moved to the Bronx, New York when she was a child. She received her education at PS 101, IS 55 and graduated from William Howard Taft High School, Bronx, NY. At the age of 18, she met Erwin Paul (Buster) Arroy through a mutual friend. They fell in love and shortly after she married her one true love. They had a great marriage that lasted more than 30 years. From this union they were blessed with four children. To talk to their children, they would tell you that they never heard them curse, argue or fight and treated each other with the utmost respect. Some fun facts about Carrie was that she loved music and loved Patti LaBelle. She also loved listening to Stevie Wonder's, "Isn't She Lovely" and The Staple Singers, "I'll Take You There" songs. She was always immaculately and elegantly dressed when she went out in public. Carrie loved to eat and go out to fine restaurants. Her favorite food was soul food. She frequently went out to the lively clubs in Manhattan and the Bronx listening to live music and dancing to her favorite songs and singers.

Carrie Arroy was a beautiful soul who loved the Lord and raised her family with strong Christian values. She became a dedicated member of Our Lady Queen of Angels Church and School. She enrolled all of her children at the school, and they attended the church every Sunday. The Lord blessed Carrie with the gift of artistry. She painted beautiful works of art on canvas which she graciously shared with family and friends. She had the opportunity to share this gift in her community when she became employed with the James Weldon Johnson Community Center where she taught arts and crafts to the children. She also accompanied and supervised them on trips outside of the community. She later assumed the position as a Librarian at the Center. She had additional responsibilities of running the after-school program where children came each afternoon to do their homework and received tutoring in their course subjects. Carrie and Mrs. Zachary, her friend and assistant, worked very hard with the children to keep them on their grade level and motivated them to do well in school. Carrie was well loved in her community. Children would run up to her to embrace her with hugs whenever they would see her walking through the neighborhood. She was a positive role model to those in Jefferson and surrounding areas. Up until the time that Carrie became ill, she spread this care and joy through her art where she resided at Ivy Hill by teaching an art class with the other residents who thoroughly enjoyed it. She donated paintings to the facility that are presently hanging on their walls for everyone to look at, enjoy, and to remember her by.

Carrie had many friends as she was an outgoing, gregarious person and people often said you could talk with her about anything. She always knew the right thing to say that would make a difference in people's lives. Yes, Carrie was more than a librarian. She was a friend, a confidant, a role model, a motivator and a mom. She was good at it all and she was loved. Carrie was also very supportive and loved her family unconditionally. We all grew up very close and she was a second mom to many. She is loved and will be missed.

Carrie Arroy was predeceased by: her husband, Erwin Arroy; her daughters, Carol Matthews and Cheryl Harris; her beloved mother, Ollie Jackson; and her father, John Thomas Jackson, Jr.; her sisters, Dorothy Arroyo and Shirley Proctor; her brothers, Daniel Jackson and Louis (Brother) Jackson; and her grandson, Asad Harris. Precious memories will be cherished by her living family which includes: her children, Catherine Mack (Michael) and Paul Arroy; sister, Gloria Aycox; her grandchildren, Tameka, Paul Jr. Tionne, Aisha, Cherana, Qasim, David, Duane, Keesha, Shon, Shone, Levon, Devon and Tamara; 19 great grandchildren; and a host of great great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

We the family are comforted to know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord and that she is at peace.



A Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the family tree.

I keep hearing a voice that says,

“Grieve not for me. Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.

The good life I lived while I was strong. Continue my heritage,

I’m counting on you. Keep smiling and surely
the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease; my soul is at rest.

Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.

Continue traditions, no matter how small. Go on with your life,
don’t worry about falls. I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.

Until the day comes, we’re together again.”

— Author Unknown

Acknowledgement

The Family would like to express and acknowledge their appreciation and thanks to everyone for their outpouring of love, kindness and concern during this difficult time.

May God Bless all of you.

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