

Celebrating the Life of
Celeste Michelle Sutton-Jones
"Samaiyyah Ali"



Sunrise: January 6, 1959 - Sunset: November 24, 2021

Thursday, December 2, 2021 - 11AM

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Reflection Of Life

Celeste Michelle Sutton Jones aka Samaiyyah Ali, fondly called Michelle, Auntie Shell and the Truth, was born in New York on January 6, 1959 to Marie Sutton and the late Arnold Kemp. She was the mother of her one and only son, Kindel Rogers, Jr.

The fifth of seven children, Michelle was raised in Harlem, New York and educated in the New York City school system. She attended P.S. 90, JHS 43, Charles Evans Hughes High School and graduated from Touro College with a degree in social work. In 1977, she married the late Marine Ronald Jones and relocated to Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Upon returning to New York, Michelle held various jobs and was employed by several companies working and maintaining peace. She was excellent working with the juvenile population. She continued the latter part of her employment with the FedEx Corporation where she retired.

Michelle was the biggest Knicks fan around. You better not talk bad about her team or else you would hear from her.

Michelle was an avid reader and never forgot anything. She had a photographic memory and was the historian of the family with a mind of endless memories. She spoke her mind no matter who you were. We could count on her for names, dates and places about the times and events in our lives. Whenever we needed to recall something everyone would say "let's ask Michelle, she would know". She would give the whole shebang.

Michelle was the most kind, caring and generous of all. She would help all and open up her home as well as her heart especially to family. She helped to raise many of her nieces while continuing to take care of her one and only pride and joy, son Kindel. She was that person you could come to for anything and she would give you her two cents. She would tell it like it is and not like it was. She would sit back and grin saying "now what". She stood firm on what she believed and said.

Michelle became a member of the Nation of Islam on February 28, 2008. She received her X, and therefore becoming Celeste X, a Muslim founder of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad under the leadership of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan. Sis. Celeste was eager to gain knowledge and understanding to acclimate herself to the teachings of Islam. She would invite all her family to come to the mosque and learn to see what the nation was all about.

Sis. Celeste excelled in all of her courses of study. She mastered sewing, canning and various course implemented in the Muslim Girls Training class. Sis. Celeste was an awesome cook. Her chocolate cake with fresh strawberries on top, Spanish rice with beans and fried fish was out of this world. She taught family how to jar fresh vegetables and to make navy bean soup. She eventually became an instructor, squad leader and lastly appointed a lieutenant over the Manhattan squad where her responsibility was to provide instruction, wellness check-ins and guidance to those under her care.

Michelle was a fighter and lived a strong life and on November 24, 2021 her life came to a peaceful close surrounded by family.

Michelle leaves to cherish her memories: mother, Marie Sutton; son, Kindel Rogers, Jr.; sisters, Deborah Spearman, Barbara Woodlon, Sheila Sutton, Linda Sherrod (Dennis), Tracey Forde (Robert), Roni Daniels, Janine Roddey "Doll", and Rhonda Harley; brother, Derrick Sutton; nieces, Angela, Tachelle, Candice, Raquel, Selema and Tia; nephews, David, Desmond, Darien, Kelvin, Sean, Joshua, Dillon, and Derrick Jr.; great nieces, Precious Allen (Marcus), Kaiya, Cinnamon, Sienna, Storm, Blaze, Skylar, and August; great-nephews, Camren, Brandon, and Joel; sisters-in-law, Flo and Marsha; her longtime best friends, Gloria, Yolanda, June, Atlee, and Michael Duckett; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends that were supportive until the end and were the unconditional loves of her life.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....	“Going Up Yonder”
Processional.....	Clergy and Family
Invocation.....	Elder Allan Manning
Opening Prayer.....	Al-Fatiha
Scripture Readings.....	Precious West-Allen
Old Testament: Isaiah 41:10	
New Testament: 2 Timothy 4:7-8	
Musical Selection: “Take Me To The King”.....	Tamela King
Prayer of Comfort.....	Elder Robert Williams
Obituary Reading.....	Elder Robert Williams
Remarks/Tributes (Two Minutes Please).....	Elder Allan Manning Elder Robert Williams
The Eulogy.....	Elder Robert Williams
Explanation of Janazah.....	Minister Arthur Muhammad
Comments	
Song.....	Minister Arthur Muhammad
Al-Janazah Prayer.....	Minister Arthur Muhammad
Committal	
Recessional	

INTERMENT:

Forest Green Park Cemetery
Morganville, New Jersey



As I sit in heaven and watch you every day
I try to let you know with signs I never went away
I hear you when you're laughing and watch you as you sleep
I even place my arms around you to calm you as you weep
I see you wish the days away begging to have me home
So I try to send you signs so you know you are not alone
Don't feel guilty that you have life that was denied to me
Heaven is truly beautiful just you wait and see
So live your life, laugh again, enjoy yourself be free
Then I know with every breath you take you'll be sharing one for me

I LOVE Y'ALL.....Michelle

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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