

In Loving Memory of
Kathleen Montell Burke

September 8, 1940 - December 3, 2021



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021 - 9:30 A.M.

Christian Love Baptist Church

830 Lyons Ave. • Irvington, New Jersey

Obituary

Cherished mother and beloved grandmother Kathleen Montell Burke passed away peacefully at her residence in West Orange, NJ on Friday, December 3, 2021 after a long, courageous battle with Alzheimer's Disease at the age of 81. Kathleen was born in Christ Church, Barbados on September 8, 1940, and later came to the United States and lived many years in Newark, NJ.

Kathleen was the ultimate caregiver, always making sure she made time to help those in need of her assistance. She spent many years taking care of both the living as a nurse's aide, as well as the dead working as a cleaner at McCracken Funeral Home in Union. Even when she didn't have enough for herself, she would often give freely and unconditionally to anyone she thought she could help.

She was an extremely hard worker and often juggled several jobs and multiple shifts to help provide, but she was always home to cook and eat dinner with her family. She loved to bake, cook, clean and spend time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed her weekly meetings with her church Women's Bible Study.

Kathleen is survived by her two daughters, Deborah Smith and Harriet Mangrum; son, Duane Burke; grandchildren, Katrina Smith, Jarrod Mangrum, Michael Smith, Jasmine Mangrum, and Azaria Davis; her sisters, Edie Petidor and Yvonne Osborne; and her brother Dervin Lovell. She is predeceased by her mother Costella Goddard; her loving husband Lincoln Burke; her great-grandson Jarrod Mangrum Jr, grandson Juwan Mangrum; her sister, Ianthe Yard; and her brother, Cleveland Lovell. She also leaves nine great grandchildren a host of In-Laws, and a multitude of other loving friends, relatives and people whose lives she touched positively along the way. She will be missed dearly and remembered fondly for her kind but fierce spirit and her devotion to service.

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy

Musical Selection

Old Testament Scripture.....Psalm 27 v 4-5 - Jasmine Mangrum

New Testament Scripture.....James 1: 2-4 & 12 - Duane Burke

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Remarks

Obituary ReadingBeverley Curl

Musical Selection

Eulogy.....Pastor Washington

Recessional

Interment
Glendale Cemetery
Bloomfield, New Jersey

To Say Goodbye

To say goodbye is not the end
To all my family and friends
For life goes on, you must endure
For my eternity is sure.
Remember all the good times
The memories we've shared
The precious jewels of laughter
The tender love and care.
I found my resting place
God's peace surrounds my soul
Let love abound in all your hearts
Let heaven be your goal.

-Author unknown

Pall Bearers:

Andre Thom	Jarrold Mangrum
Dave Marius	Louis Marius, Jr.
David Ramsay	Michael Smith

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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