

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Karen Yvette Murray*

**SUNRISE: May 9, 1962**  
**SUNSET: October 16, 2022**

**Friday, October 28, 2022 - 10am**

**Greater Zion Hill Baptist Church**  
2365 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10027

# Reflections Of Life

**Karen Yvette Murray** was born on May 9, 1962 in New York, NY to the late Ernest and Evelyn Greene.

She attended Annunciation and Martin Luther King Jr. High School, where she graduated in June 1980. She attended Lehman College. She worked at Burlington Woods Convalescent Center in Burlington, NJ as a LPN. She then worked for the City of New York at Human Resource Administration as an Eligibility Specialist for 25 years; she retired in 2012.

Karen loved to play spades, and she was the best at it. The summer before her freshman year of high school Karen and Todd met while playing as spades partners. They ran a Boston on their opponents, and from that day on they knew they would be together for a lifetime.

Karen married Todd Murray on July 2, 1983. They loved to listen to their favorite song “Always Together” by the Dells & Charles Stepney. From their union two wonderful children Todd Jr. and Tamiel were born. Karen was devoted to her family and she cherished and adored her kids. As quoted by her husband “Karen kept this family together.”

She loved to travel and “get cute” whenever she went out. She loved to host parties and barbecues because as we all know, she loved to be around her family. Karen loved music and you could ALWAYS catch her on the dance floor. She was the life of the party and she showered everyone with love.

Karen leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Todd Murray; two children, Todd Murray, Jr. and Tamiel Murray; a granddaughter, Elizabeth Murray; brother-in-law, Keith Murray; sister-in-law, Tanya Murray; aunts, Sandra Brown, Dorothy Greene, and Barbara Tucker; uncles, James R. and Robert H. Carter, and Jewel Green; godbrother, Kuon Smith; godsister, Tonya D. Staton; goddaughters, Gail Williams and Qiana Staton-Vega; sisters/best friends, Valerie Sanders and Sharon Bowie; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, cousins and friends.

# Order of Service

## **Processional**

**Hymn**..... Organist

## **Scripture**

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 ..... Deacon Gary Greene

New Testament: John 16:22.....James Edlow

**Prayer**.....Pastor

**Musical Selection**..... Troy Murray

## **Reflections/Expressions**

Deacon Gary Greene

Janis Greene

James Edlow

Valerie Sanders

Tamiel Murray

**Acknowledgements**..... Brittany Murray

**Obituary**..... Reuben Wilkerson

**Poem**.....Cheryl Murray

**Musical Selection**..... Troy Murray

## **Eulogy**

## **Committal**

## **Viewing**

## **Recessional**

### **INTERMENT:**

Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery

Fair Lawn, New Jersey

# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
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 or 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 up 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 share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

## *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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