

Celebrating the Life of



Twanda Everett Stokley

July 26, 1961 ~ July 23, 2023

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023 - 11:00 AM

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Officiant: Bishop Kathy Salem
of

Restoration of Life
Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Twanda Evett Stokley, affectionately known as Sugar Bear, T-Bird and more commonly, Bird was born in Elizabeth City, North Carolina to the late James Bradshaw Stokley, Sr. and Catherine Suzanne Stokley (nee Clark) on July 26, 1961. She was the youngest daughter of 15 children.

On July 23, 2023 Twanda entered into eternal rest joining her parents, her granddaughter, Jayonna Stokley and three brothers, Alvin Stokley, Byron Stokley Sr. and Samuel Donnell Stokley.

In 1973, Twanda relocated, reuniting with her family in Newark, New Jersey. She attended the Newark Public School System and later furthered her education at Essex County College.

Twanda doted over her family and was often the protector at any and all costs. Smart and witty, it was difficult to deceive her and she did not tolerate nonsense. Her tongue was like a double-edged sword, she'd tell you about yourself if she felt you were wrong and expressed her love for you all in the same breath.

Twanda was selfless and caring and it was shown daily in her occupation at Heart to Heart and later Krill Care, as a Home Health Aide, where she assisted her clients with personal activities and self-care.

In Twanda's leisure time, she enjoyed traveling, trips to the casino, fashion, shopping and festive gatherings with family and friends. She would often call those that were near and dear to her to assemble together. When they arrived, it would be a full party or cook out and a good time was guaranteed as she was always "The Life of the Party". Twanda also enjoyed fine dining and had an epicure palate for food and delighted in every bite. Most importantly she loved church and had a reverent relationship with God and accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior.

Although we are saddened by the passing of the beloved Twanda Evett Stokley, we take solace in God's Word: 1 Thessalonians 4:13 "But I would not have you to be ignorant brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as those who have no hope"

Twanda leaves to cherish her many fond memories, her children Juiwan Stokley, Arvin Pugsley (Tamika), Kyiena Pugsley (Rasaan), Jermaine Stokley Sr. (Kashifah) and Hayward Patterson Jr., 17 grandchildren, Kiara (Shaniqua), Ciara, Shataisa, Quiwan, Miyanha, DaQuan, Destiny, Jermaine Jr., Imani, Cherrish, Amiyyah, Nasira, Kwaan, Ian, Ayden, Farese, Ariana and Jenei, 1 great-grandson Milo, 11 siblings, Alice Sewell, James Stokley Jr. (Rosita), Catherine Stokley, Patricia Robinson (Roosevelt), Michelle Stokley, Sandra Stokley (Albert), Syretha Stokley, Michael Stokley, Fletcher Stokley (Lori), Arbon Stokley and Arvin Stokley Sr., 1 paternal aunt Tinks Carver, 2 maternal aunts Juanita Lucas and Ollie Finney and host of nieces, nephew, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Hymn..... “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Opening Prayer.....Bishop Kathy Salem

Reading:
Old Testament

New Testament.....Clergy

Selection.....Family Tribute
(Jesus Promised Me a Home)

Reflection as a Grandmother.....Kiara Pugsley

Reflection as a Sister..... Fletcher Stokley

Reflection as an Aunt.....Felisha Stokley

Selection.....Clergy and Congregation

Obituary.....Read Silently

Reflections.....Friends and Family (2 minutes)

Eulogy.....Bishop Cathy Salem

Final Viewing and Recessional

Interment
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Our Mother's Garden

Our Mother kept a garden.
A garden of the heart;
She planted all the good things,
That gave us life it's start.

She turned us to the sunshine,
And encouraged us to dream:
Fostering and nurturing
The seeds of self-esteem.

And when the winds and rains came,
She protected us enough;
But not too much, she knew we'd need
To stand up strong and tough.

Her constant good example,
Always taught us right from wrong;
Markers for our pathway
To last our whole life long.

We are our Mother's garden,
we are her legacy.
And we hope today she feels the love,
Reflected back from each one of us.

Love Always – Your Children,
Juiwan, Arvin, Kyiena, Jermaine Sr., and Hayward Jr.



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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