

PALLBEARERS

Roosevelt Shaw
Vernon Horton
Anthony White, Jr.

Zaki Horton
Anthony Bryant
Darren Mathews

MUSICIAN/ SOLOIST

Vaughn Greene Musician and Solist

INTERMENT

Woodlawn Cemetery
2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, Maryland 21207

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family gratefully acknowledges the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during our hour of bereavement.



Rest In Heaven

Karen Mathews

June 4, 1963 - August 20, 2020

You are always loved & never forgotten

LOVING MEMORIES



Our beloved Karen Mathews was born in Baltimore, Maryland on June 4, 1963 to the late Norman Mathews and Katie Mae Pearsall. Karen was the youngest of four siblings, but she certainly did not act like her placement in the family line. Even as a child, Karen was feisty and started out early establishing herself as the “boss” of . This attitude carried forward into adulthood.

Karen was educated in the Baltimore City School systems and graduated from Mergenthaler High School in 1981. She then went on to study business administration at Baltimore City Community College.

Her love of the Lord instilled in her by her parents as a child was evident throughout her life. She was a member of Gillis Memorial Church since childhood and she endeavored to let her light shine to all she met. It is no wonder her family affectionately dubbed her with the nick-name of “Tinkles”. Not only did she let her light shine from the inside, but “Karen Ann” (as she was also called by family) sparkled in her personal appearance. Always meticulously dressed, Karen was quite the fashion diva and would be matching from head to toe. She loved shopping and would buy a new outfit weeks or months in advance for family gatherings and other events. Being well put together was a “must”.

As a 20 year employee of Maryland Cup Company (Solo) Karen worked diligently there until she began her 14 year battle with stage four cancer. Even with the onset of this sickness she would not let it get or keep her down. From home she established a second in the area of childcare. She was a loving and caring person who was especially committed to her family and grandchildren.



Family Tributes



In Loving Memory Of My Beautiful Mother

God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around you
and He whispered "Come to Me"
With tearful eyes we watched you.
We watched you fade away,
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay,
A golden heart, stopped beating,
Hard-working hands at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He chose to take the best.

It's lonesome here without you.
We miss you more each day
Life doesn't seem the same,
Since you have gone away.
When days are sad and lonely
and everything goes wrong,
we seem to her your wisper
"Cheer Up and Carry On"
Each Time we see your picture
you seem to smile and say,
"Don't cry, Im in Gods hands,
we'll meey again someday!"
-Unknown-

Your one and only Tiesha



I LOVE YOU
Norma



You're my earth, you're my world;
you're my moon that circles my world.
You're my moon, you're my star,
you're the one I look upon in the dark.
You shine like the sun that brightens my day
And take all the dark storms away.
I will shine like you did through sickness and health
Be my angel that sits on my shoulder
to make me happy and better when the sun
goes away and sets for the next day.
Don't worry, I will keep myself together
And I will love you until the world is over.
Strong, courageous, gracious, blessed and
beautiful black woman.

-Najiah



My heart will always be
saddened and tears will
flow because you are
gone. I will always be
greatful and thankful
for the time we had
together. I will always
cherish the memories
you left behind. My
heart is so empty
because we cant see
each other face-to-face.
We cant interact nor
hang out with each
other. I am full of love
for you. We loved each
other so much, to the
moon and back. My
heart will always smile
when I think of you. I
will miss you as I go on
with my life. I love you
Twin always .

Your sister Punkie



You can no longer see me,
but please know that I am there.
I am the flowers in the garden,
I am the wind beneath your hair.
The memories that I left behind,
shall forever be with you all.
As for me I am in heaven now,
where my life will start anew.

Missing you... Your Loving Friend Fredereaika

However: Karen was no pushover! She was well known for being very straightforward. There were no cutting corners and you understood exactly how she felt. She could tell you off and that she loved you in the same sentence. At family gatherings she kept everyone laughing and was a joy to be around. Her infectious spirit of happiness could take over the room.
Karen had a unique and unshakable bond with her daughter Tiesha and her grandchildren. Her grandchildren could do no wrong in her eyes. A devoted
Ravens fan, Karen loved watching football games with the family and hollering at the TV during the game even if she didn't quite understand the play. She loved joking with the grandkids before a game: The kids would say "Oh No Ma Ma!" because they knew the yelling and screaming would soon come. She was very excited to finally attend an actual game.

As her illness progressed, no one ever heard Karen complain. In fact, many people were amazed to find out how long she had been battling her sickness. Karen never let her sickness keep her from being at any major family event. She was the definition of a true fighter. She battled her illness like she battled life. Independently and drawing on her faith to see her through to treasure and enjoy every available moment with her family.

Her biggest pastime was listening to gospel music on Pandora at night to help her sleep. In fact, nurses would comment on how they could hear Karen's gospel music on the entire floor even with the door to her room closed. When Karen was released from the hospital to continue hospice care at home she continued this practice. Gospel music was playing when she peacefully transitioned at home on August 20, 2020 surrounded by the immense love and support of her family.

Karen is survived and will be lovingly remembered by her daughter Tiesha Johnson-White; son-in-law Andre White; two sisters Norma Mathews and Benita Battle; brother Liston Mathews; one brother-in-law Jesse Battle, one sister-in-law Kim Mathews; five granddaughters: Najiah, J'lyne, Amaia, Azaria and A'Layah (her second daughter); two close childhood friends, Fredereaika Gamble and Sharon Chase; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother-in-law Dean Waters.

Karen was greatly loved and will be missed by all that was blessed to have her in their lives. Rest in heaven until we meet again.

ORDER OF SERVICE

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

KAREN MATHES

Vaughn Greene Chapel
8728 Liberty Road- Randallstown MD 21133

Thursday, September 3, 2020
Wake: 10:00 am Funeral: 11:00 am

Sheree Whitby, Officiating

- Musical Prelude
- The Processional
- Opening Hymn
- Prayer
- Scripture.....Jacquan Rich
- Old Testament.....Psalm 23
- New Testament.....2 Timothy 4:6-8
- Solo.....Annette White
- Acknowledgements.....Lynne Tilley
- Words of Comfort/ Reflection (2 minutes)
- Reading of Obituary.....Kelly Wallace
- Dance Selection.....Najah White
- Eulogy.....Reverend Helen Mayo
Associate Minister
- Gillis Memorial Christian Church
Baltimore, Maryland
- Benediction
- Recessional

