PALLBEARERS

Anthony White, Jr. Vernon Horton Roosevelt Shaw

Anthony Bryant Darren Mathews Zaki Horton

MUSICIAN/ SOLOIST

Vaughn Greene Musician and Solist

INTERMENT

Baltimore, Maryland 21207 2130 Woodlawn Drive Woodlawn Cemetery

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



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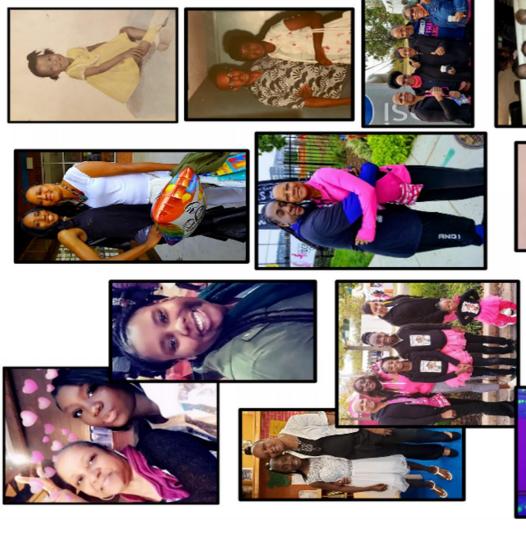


feisty and started out early establishing herself as the "boss" of . This Karen was the youngest of four siblings, but she certainly did not act Our beloved Karen Mathews was born in Baltimore, Maryland on like her placement in the family line. Even as a child, Karen was June 4, 1963 to the late Norman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

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

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

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













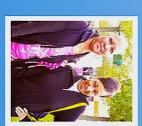
In Loving Memory Of My Beautiful Mother

God broke our hearts to prove to us With tearful eyes we watched you and He whispered "Come to Me" A golden heart stopped beating Each Time we see your picture So He put His arms around you t's lonesome here without you and everything goes wrong, When days are sad and lonely "Don't cry, Im in God's hands Life doesn't seem the same, Hard-working hands at rest. We could not make you stay. Altough we loved you dearly, we'll meey again someday! you seem to smile and say, we seem to her your wisper Since you have gone away. We watched you fade away. we miss you more ech day He chose to take the best. and a cure was not to be. God saw you getting tired "Cheer Up and Carry On"

Your one and only Tiesha



-Na



I LOVE YOU Norma



other so much, to the cherish the memories together. I will always gone. I will always be saddened and tears will My heart will always be when I think of you. I heart will always smile moon and back. My other. I am full of love each other face-to-face. because we can't see greatful and thankful Twink always . will miss you as I go or for you. We loved each nang out with each We can't interact nor neart is so empty you left behind. My for the time we had flow beause you are

Your sister Punkie



You can no longer see me, but please kmow 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.

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 unshakeable 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: Najah, J'Lynne, Amajae, Azarria 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.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

KAREN MATHEWS

8728 Liberty Road- Randallstown MD 21133 Vaughn Greene Chapel

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

Sheree Whitby, Officiating

New Testament......2 Timothy 4:6-8 Solo.....Annette White Scripture.....Jacquan Rich Old Testament.....Psalm 23 The Processional Musical Prelude Opening Hymn Prayer

Reading of Obituary......Kelly Wallace Dance Selection.....Najah White Acknowledgements......Lynne Tilley Words of Comfort/ Reflection (2 minutes)

Gillis Memorial Christian Church Baltimore, Maryland Associate Minister

.....Reverend Helen Mayo

Eulogy.....

Benediction Recessional